

COLDEST WEATHER SINCE 1914 HITS N. ENGLAND

BOSTON, Dec. 29.—The most severe cold wave experienced in New England since 1914 swept in from the northwest early today and caused widespread suffering because of the general lack of fuel. From a maximum reading of 37 degrees yesterday the temperature dropped to four below in Boston at 7.30 o'clock this morning and held close to that mark an hour later, with little indication, weather bureau officials said, of any rise during the day. There was no promise of immediate relief for weather bureau reports showed that the cold wave would continue over Sunday.

As the cold was driven in by a northwest wind that reached a maximum velocity of 26 miles last night, the bureau gave warning that the minimum would go under any records since February, 1914, when it touched 11 below zero. The recording apparatus on the roof of the Federal building showed 7 below this morning, but the cold seemed to interfere with the delicate machinery and that figure was later corrected by the bureau to a minimum of four. The difference, however, did not bring any comfort, nor did it relieve the general distress felt throughout the city, and especially in the tenement section from which has come a continual cry for coal.

Cold Wave to Continue

Hundreds of trains bringing the army of computers to Boston were unable to maintain schedules as steam from exhaust pipes on locomotives turned to frost and ice and engines

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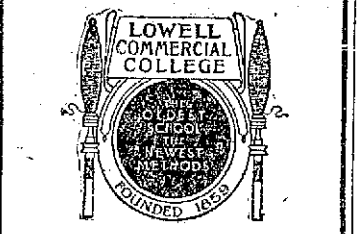
Albert Porter, Lowell High School Comm. Dept.

JAMES W. C. PICKERING PASSES AWAY

James W. C. Pickering, aged 73 years, 2 months and 28 days died this morning at the home of his son, Herbert O. Pickering, 10 Ash street, after a lingering illness. Deceased is survived by two sons, Herbert D. of this city and H. Edward of Milbury; two daughters, Mrs. F. B. Harbottle of Indianapolis, Ind., and Mrs. William T. Trull of this city; two sisters, Mrs. William W. Narcott of Lowell and Mrs. Carl Morse of Danvers, as well as several grandchildren, nephews and nieces.

James William Churchill Pickering was born in this city, Sept. 1, 1844, being a descendant of an ancient colonial family. He was educated in the public schools here. After leaving school he went to work for Jefferson, Scott & Co., as assistant bookkeeper. He remained with this company for about four years, after which he engaged in the clothing business. In 1866 he went to Manchester, N. H., and established himself in the same business, and remained there until 1884. In 1883 he established a commission business in Boston for the sale of clothing and furnishing goods. In 1884 he returned to Lowell and became associated with his father, or rather bought out the interest of his father's partners, and established the firm of the Pickering Knitting Co., of which he became the treasurer.

In politics Mr. Pickering was a republican. At one time he was a director of the Lowell board of trade, vice president of the Appleton National bank, director of the 23rd Telephone company, and one of the trustees of the Central Savings bank. He was a member of the P.O.P. Association, No. 13, Manchester, N. H., the Washington encampment and the Essex Country club. At one time he was also vice president of the Y.M.C.A. and a member of the Merrimack Valley club. He attended the Kirk Street Congregational church and was superintendent of the Sunday school. Sept. 1, 1868, he married Miss Julia Thompson Dow, who died May 14, 1880. He married again Mary Ella Bacon of Waltham, March 3, 1881, who also passed away.



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Rumanian King Abdicates in Favor of Crown Prince Charles

Russia to Conclude Peace Within Ten Days Unless Allies Join in Negotiations — British Labor Firm for Continuation of War — British Advance in Palestine

King Ferdinand has abdicated the Rumanian throne in favor of Crown Prince Charles, according to persistent rumors in Petrograd. Official confirmation, however, is lacking.

Unsettled conditions and a political crisis in Rumania were reported early this week in despatches from Petrograd and the Bolshevik government received information that there had been a revolutionary plot against King Ferdinand. Bolshevik and German

propagandists have been reported working among the Rumanian troops. Russia to Conclude Separate Peace

Russia, Leon Trotsky told the council of workmen and soldiers' delegates, would be forced to conclude a separate peace with Germany unless the entente allies should join in the peace negotiations within ten days. The Bolshevik foreign minister announced that he officially would ask the entente powers whether they would

join in negotiations. An advance guard of German peace emissaries has arrived in Petrograd.

British Labor to Continue War

Great Britain and France, through Premier Lloyd George and Foreign Minister Pichon, have replied informally to the peace proposals emanated by Count Czernin for the central powers. The German terms are declared to be insufficient. The British

Full Details of Sinking of U-Boat and Capture of Crew by U. S. Destroyers

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Full details of the destruction of a German submarine and the capture of its crew made public today by the navy department show that the destroyers Fanning and Nicholson were the warships engaged. The incident was reported Nov. 24 but few facts were given at the time.

The submarine was sunk the navy department's story of the affair indicates, as it was preparing to attack a merchant ship flotilla conveyed by the destroyers.

Full Report of Incident

The navy department's full story of the incident follows:

"At about 4.10 p. m., while escorting 'Albatross' Coxswain David D. Loomis, lookout on the Fanning, sighted a small periscope some distance off the port bow, extending about a

foot out of water, and visible for a few seconds. The Fanning immediately headed for the spot and about three minutes after the periscope had been sighted dropped a depth charge. The Nicholson also speeded to the position of the submarine which appeared to be heading toward a merchant vessel in the convey and dropped another depth charge. At that moment the submarine's conning

LOWELL MAN APPOINTED WAR EXPEDITOR

Mr. Arthur T. Safford, on recommendation of the Lowell board of trade, has just been appointed Lowell's local volunteer expeditor. Mr. Safford, chief engineer of the Locks and Canals, was selected by President James C. Reilly as the man best answered every requirement in the specification sent out by the chamber of commerce of the United States of America. They asked for a man of



ARTHUR T. SAFFORD

exceptional experience who would hold himself in readiness to supply the government with information as to local manufacturing conditions to expedite the movement of raw materials and otherwise assist in speeding up the production of emergency supplies required by the war department, and in general to act as special representative of the department for whatever service may be desired. He will be furnished with credentials entitling him to make enquiries and otherwise investigate local conditions and will serve without compensation.

Interest begins Jan. 1, Savings Department, Old Lowell National Bank.

JACK FROST MAN OF THE HOUR IN LOWELL

After a temporary moderation of the cold snap yesterday the powers of the north convened again last evening and Jack Frost should have another touch of frigidity and as a result of the decision the Spindle City awoke this morning in the throes of the coldest day of the season.

"The Locks and Canals people found that the minimum temperature registered at the Pawtucket dam 'sometime this morning' was 10 degrees below zero. This figure must be taken as the official mark."

A lady who resides in Kenwood came into Merrimack square this morning and after glancing at Uncle Dudley's thermometer which registered 7 below at 8 o'clock this morning, she remarked that that was not one of the "things to worry about," because near her home at 7 o'clock a thermometer registered 22 below. This was about the lowest mark reported.

In Chelmsford Centre, usually to be counted upon to furnish some extreme figures, the lowest point which the mercury registered was 13 below. This morning it was just zero "out there." Other outlying districts reported varying temperatures but 10 below seemed to be "the consensus of opinion" and that in cold enough for anybody. Just when the temperature reached its lowest mark is not known; but it was sometime between 3 and 5 a. m. At 3 o'clock this morning the mercury maintained a neutral zero and gradually descended. With the approach of daylight, however, things warmed up a little. At 8 o'clock this morning 7 below was registered in Merrimack square and at 11:40 it was 5 below. At noon it was 3 below.

A northwest wind which went "right through" a person did not extinguish matters any and those individuals who were compelled to "get going" during the early morning hours did not have a very happy lot. The street cars did not furnish much relief for in the majority of cases "your street railway" was cold and inhospitable.

The Locks and Canals office reported

THREE BRITISH WARSHIPS SUNK

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Three British torpedo boat destroyers were sunk through being struck by torpedoes or hitting a mine off the Dutch coast on the night of Dec. 22, with the loss of 13 officers and 150 men, the admiralty announced today.

The statement reads:

"Three of our destroyers were mined or torpedoed during foggy weather off the Dutch coast, on the night of the 22nd of December. A total of 13 officers and 150 men were lost."

MATRIMONIAL

Louis Frederick Hall and Miss Marie Beatrice Leblond were married Dec. 25 at St. Joseph's rectory, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Augustin Gratton, O.M.I. The bride wore a white satin trimmed with georgette crepe, and carried pink bridal roses. She was attended by Miss Laura Provost, who wore gray satin and carried pink. The best man was Albert Arpin. At the close of the ceremony the bridal party repaired to 55 Austin street, where a reception was held. After an extended wedding trip, the couple will make their home at 55 Austin street.

A Chase County, Kan., steer, which had just come in off pasture, gained 45 pounds in 24 hours the first day it was put on feed on the farm of Henry Starkey. This is considered to be a record.

SALARY INCREASES VOTED BY CITY COUNCIL

Three city officials, the superintendent of the Chelmsford street hospital, the scaler of weights and measures and the superintendent of city scales and measurer of bark and wood had their salaries increased at an adjourned meeting of the municipal council held this morning. As soon as this vote was taken Commissioner Brown moved and it was so voted that the commissioner of finance be instructed to introduce at the next meeting an ordinance restoring the salaries of other city officials to what they were in 1916, which means that the ordinance is enacted that while three city officials received increased salaries, a great many others will have their pay cut down. Those affected would include the city clerk, city treasurer, purchasing agent, superintendent of police, superintendent of streets and superintendent of public buildings. In the course of the meeting several citizens

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TRY TO AVERT BAY STATE STRIKE

BOSTON, Dec. 29.—The putting into effect of the strike vote of 4500 carmen on the lines of the Bay State St. railway in eastern Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island was believed to be largely dependent upon the outcome of a conference arranged for late today between Wallace E. Donham, receiver of the road, and union officials. After the conference the union representatives will hold a meeting with international officers of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees of America. The men claim a violation of their agreement with the company in changes resulting from curtailment of service because of the coal shortage.

Employees of the Bay State Street Railway Co., who have voted, 2228 to 178, for a strike, will "do nothing to inconvenience the public unless forced to," according to a statement made last night by P. J. O'Brien, international vice president of the street carmen's union.

AMERICAN LINER SINKS U-BOAT

LONDON, Dec. 28.—A German submarine was sunk by the fire of the guns of an American passenger steamer approaching the British coast Thursday, according to reports of the passengers and gunners aboard.

The submarine was seen plainly by the passengers as it came to the surface at a distance of about 1500 yards directly in the wake of the ship.

The steamer was brought about sharply and the two guns took a shot with only an interval of two seconds between. The second shot exploded and debris from the submarine was seen flying in the air. Afterward no trace of the submarine was visible. The convoy signalled to the liner, "a direct hit."

COASTING ACCIDENT PROVES FATAL

The first serious coasting accident occurred yesterday afternoon on the old Reed estate in Lakeview avenue, now owned by Chrysiolous Pizarro, when Victor Mercler, aged 13 years, 6 months and 6 days, son of Mrs. and Mr. Ernest Mercler of 38 Allen avenue, received injuries, which a few hours later resulted in his death.

The little fellow, who had been coasting down the hill in front of the Pizarro home for some time, when at about 2 o'clock he lost control of the steering gear of his sled and was thrown forcibly against a tree. He was picked up by his companions and removed to his home on Allen street. Dr. L. V. Rockwell, the family physician, was summoned in haste and after examining the boy found that he was suffering from internal injuries. The little fellow passed away at 8 o'clock last night.

Victor Mercler was a bright, little fellow. He attended St. Louis school and was a great favorite with teachers and pupils alike. Besides his father and mother deceased leaves to mourn his loss three brothers, Raymond, Omar and Andre, and a sister, Nedie. He was the oldest child of the family.

GERMAN HELD ON TREASON CHARGE

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Paul Hennig, a naturalized German, who has been employed as a foreman in a Brooklyn factory engaged in the making of torpedoes for the United States government, was remanded to jail without bail in federal court here today, charged with treason.

Hennig, authorities say, superintended the assembling of the gyroscopes which control the course of the torpedoes. According to District Attorney France, some of these gyroscopes have been found "maliciously mutilated." This was done in such a way as to render useless the torpedoes in which the gyroscopes were installed.

"Not only would these torpedoes have been worthless as weapons, but it is possible they would have proved engines of destruction for their own users," said the district attorney.

John Flowers of Washington, Ill., didn't know his own age, and fearing he might be a slacker, registered, and is now in the National army at Camp Dodge. His wife learned recently from county records that he is 40.

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The enlistment opportunity closes tonight at 9 o'clock. Our 1918 list of members shows how widespread is thrift in Lowell today. The Sun shines on Lowell.

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\$50,000 FIRE AT CALAIS, ME.

CALAIS, Me., Dec. 23.—The extensive candy factory and retail store of Beckett & Co. on Main street, the plant and equipment of the Calais Weekly Advertiser, and the Knights of Pythias and Knights of Columbus halls were burned early today. The 15 below zero temperature hampered fire fighting. The loss will approach \$50,000, partly insured.

RECORDS SHOW LOWELL'S WAR ACTIVITIES

Interesting Review of Military Affairs in This City During the Year—Lowell Prepared for War in Advance

The war and its attendant activities will of necessity overshadow all other events in a review of the year 1917. Although war has not officially been declared until April, Lowell was getting ready for it some months in advance and when the call eventually did come, she was "there." Following is a review of military affairs, the war and its various ramifications as they occurred chronologically in Lowell during the past year:

- January**
- Lowell Business Men's battalion re-organizes and assumes name of Lowell Training school.
 - Lowell Training school, Capt. J. Powers, elected captain of Co. C of the 1st regiment, National Guard, succeeded Capt. George W. Peterson.
- February**
- Local Red Cross chapter receives orders to mobilize resources and possible developments in connection with the war.
 - Adjutant Gustave Rassez returns to Lowell, spending 30 months in the trenches.
 - Memorial hall re-dedicated. Pre-war observance of Washington's birthday.
- March**
- John C. Leggat appointed adjutant of second battalion of the Sixth regiment with rank of first lieutenant.
 - Major Philip McNulty, formerly captain of Co. M of the 9th regiment, dies suddenly from U. S. S. Georgia obtains a number of Lowell recruits for the navy.
 - Capt. Daniel E. Whittaker receives orders to mobilize Co. M. Men called to state army. 3000 people attend patriotic mass meeting at state army.
 - Lowell and K receive orders to mobilize at 5 p. m. City takes on war appearance.
 - Red Cross tag day nets \$6500.
- April**
- Men enlist in Home Guard.
 - Members of Co. M guard railroad bridges in the city. Gov. McCall authorizes formation of Battery B in Lowell.
 - President Wilson signs proclamation declaring a state of war between the United States and Germany. Co. C, B, and K of the Sixth regiment and the Sixth Regiment band are mustered into the federal service.
 - Local safety committee holds meeting to discuss war measures.
 - Patriotic meeting at city hall for purpose of forming a battery in Lowell. Mayor O'Donnell urges enlistments.
 - Physical examination of National Guard companies begins at armory.
 - Wireless stations in Lowell are dismantled.
 - Butler Ames designated by Gov. McCall as commander of Mass. State Guard. Detail from Co. C leaves for "somewhere in New Hampshire."
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 - Horace Desilets of 43 Spring court receives news of brother, another American Desilets of 22nd Royal Canadian regiment, is killed in the trenches in Europe.
 - Order received from War Dept. for discharge of soldiers with dependents.
 - Majority of the members of the local companies of the National Guard leave Lowell for guard duty in New Hampshire. Only 27 men left at the Westford street armory.
 - 125 men of the 1st army division are sent to England and country and Battery B is officially formed.
 - Summer H. Needham appointed captain and Frederick W. Ryan, Jr. as first lieutenant. MacBryne first lieutenant.
 - Remaining members of Co. C, G and K leave Lowell. Capt. Ryan is principal speaker at patriotic mass meeting at state armory.
 - 6th Regiment band goes to Framingham.
 - Private Joseph Harding of Co. K, killed by train in Philadelphia, N. H., while on guard duty.
 - Lowell Training school, assigned as commander of local navy recruiting station. Battery B holds first drill at state armory.
 - 184 Lowell men enroll in State Guard.
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- May**
- Possibility of British and French war missions visiting Lowell announced. Lowell Military Guard school, headed by Walter R. Jeyes as captain.
 - Three Lowell young men pass Plattsburg entrance examinations. 125 men of the 1st army division are sent to England and country and Battery B is officially formed.
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- June**
- National Guard recruiting officers receive permission to enlist men for the duration of the war only.
 - Lowell State railway company holds patriotic rally at Lakeview.
 - 14000 Lowell men between ages of 17 and 21 inclusive register for National Guard.
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- July**
- Private George W. Gravelee of Co. A, killed by train at Newburyport.
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- August**
- Division 1 exemption board posts list of drafted men and assigns dates for examination.
 - Divisions 2 and 3 issue draft lists.
 - "Lowell Day" at Roxford in honor of the city.
 - Examination of drafted men begins.
 - 184 Lowell men receive Plattsburg training.
 - Edward Fisher made captain of State Guard company. Albert Bergeron captain of French company.
 - 14 Lowell men chosen for second Plattsburg camp.
 - Big celebration in Lowell in honor of men in national service: parade, banquet and evening entertainment on South common.
 - Large number of soldiers and people visit soldiers at Ayer and Framingham.
 - Lowell entertainers give concert at Framingham.
 - Robert H. Garrity graduated from West Point.
- September**
- First of Lowell's drafted men sent to Ayer.
 - Butler Ames commissioned major general by Gov. McCall.
 - 150 Lowell men leave for Ayer.
 - William J. Dragoon receives appointment as field clerk for foreign service.
 - Royal Highlanders visit Lowell in interest of British recruiting.
- October**
- Second Liberty loan campaign opens in Lowell.
 - Big rally conducted in Lowell by Lowell recruiting mission.
 - 154 Lowell men leave for Ayer; big send-off.
 - Lowell girls organize military company.
 - First letter from Co. M received from France.
 - Members of Lowell council, Knights of Columbus, assist in dedication of U. S. G. at Camp Devens; Lowell talent entertains.
 - Mayor O'Donnell asks General Hodges, commander at Camp Devens, to send post guard to Lowell on Saturdays.
 - Knights of Columbus issue call for volunteers for knitting guild; 150 women respond.
 - Recruiting campaign for Co. K resumed in Lowell.
 - News received that Congressman and Mrs. Rogers were on ship attacked by U-boats.
 - Christmas boxes to members of Co. M in France.
- November**
- Various war taxes go into effect. Fair and bazaar at Normal school in aid of soldiers at Camp Devens.
 - Red Cross cañon and lounge opened at war work headquarters in Merrimack st. Postoffice guard ordered to Lowell from Ayer to assist civil authorities in preventing sale of liquor to soldiers.
 - Lowell's total in second Liberty loan campaign \$611,300.
 - Second Red Triangle campaign opens in Memorial hall.
 - Major Colby T. Kittredge and Mrs. Alice Emma Goodwin married at Westford.
 - Red Triangle campaign ends with approximately \$170,000 raised. Later boosted to \$180,000.
 - Annual officers' ball by O.M.T. ended.
 - Edward Fisher, Stanley E. Qua and William H. Wilson appointed legal advisory board for Lowell.
 - Lowell men receive Plattsburg commissions.
 - Number of soldiers from Camp Devens entertained in private homes in Lowell on Thanksgiving day.
- December**
- War savings stamps go on sale at local postoffice.
 - Maximum prices for coal in Lowell announced by New England coal commission.
 - Big snow storm; street car traffic stopped.
 - City Treasurer Stiles again removed by municipal council. Tea house in municipal auditorium. Committee on cities favors appointment of special commissioner to head new high school in Lowell. Chairman of school committee favors abolishment of Carney medal. Present team of City Record league sets up new team record of 1671 pins.
 - Shakeup in police department.
 - City solicitor takes steps to recover \$39,000 interest money. Lowell high school track closes successful season.
 - Local ministers attack proprietors of Locks and Canals.
 - Benjamin Buck of Tewksbury who shot Capt. Grosman of police department sentenced to two years in jail.
 - Board of directors of Lowell board of trade discuss trolley express service.
 - Dr. Thomas S. Smith appointed medical examiner to succeed late Dr. Joe V. Meigs. Arguments in Foye and Thomas case heard before full bench of the supreme court.
 - Adj. Gen. Gardner W. Pearson recommends the founding of the anniversary of the founding of the Lowell Textile school.
 - State appropriates \$50,000 for Lowell Textile school.
 - St. Patrick's day observed with new member. Annual social of Burke Temperance institute.
 - Time for filing applications for liquor licenses closed. Hearing on Merrimack river project at state house.
 - City council votes to borrow \$70,000 for macadamizing streets. Dr. W. C. Melesha held for unlawfully prescribing drugs for women.
 - Old Bartlett school in Clark street gutted by fire.
 - Lowell Textile school asks for over \$4000 by municipal council and Maxime Lepine and Robert Gardner elected in their places.
 - Inspector Angus H. McDonald, of state police, issues warning to local police.
 - Lowell death of Ruth E. Maxwell, aged 14 years, held. James Lally killed by train in Billerica.
 - Andrew G. Stiles, city treasurer, removed from office by municipal council and Fred H. Bourke elected as his successor.
 - Annual dinner of Lowell Board of Underwriters.
 - Daker Thompson killed by train near Blechnery station. Asa C. Russell makes endorsement of \$10,000 to Lowell Y.M.C.A.
 - Purchasing Agent Foye and Supt. Thomas of water department test their removal by municipal council.
 - Annual banquet of Bishop Deane assembly. Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus, and other made for audit of city treasurer's books. Lowell Board of Trade holds jubilee dinner. Lieut. James J. Powers elected sergeant at arms. Capt. George W. Peterson, to succeed Capt. George W. Peterson.
 - Mayor O'Donnell urges new law enforcement. Annual minstrel show of Matthew Temperance institute.
 - Police raid gambling den in Market street and arrest 33 men.
 - Amateur show opens at Casino.
 - Shakeup in fire department. Mid-winter musicale of Lowell Choral society.
 - Municipal council retains William D. Regan, Esq., as council in man-damus hearing. Dr. Alfred L. Lavigne arrested for auto charge. Jimmy Davern knocks out George Rivet in six rounds.
 - State Inspector McDonald orders radical changes in city hospitals.
 - City solicitor Harold A. Varum A. Varum resigns. Appropriation estimates from city departments turned over to state commission.
 - Remotion of St. Michael's parish.
- February**
- Judge Pierce of the supreme judicial court decides that Purchasing Agent Supt. Thomas of the water department and City Treasurer Stiles were illegally removed.
 - High school pupils present "Strongheart."
 - David J. Hurley of the fire department pensioned.
 - Annual town meetings at Tewksbury, Chelmsford, and Dracut. Biggest snow storm of the winter.
 - Superior P. A. Barnour states that increase in water rates is necessary. Idle Honor coalition.
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- The Sun has compiled and presents herewith a record of the principal events in Lowell during the year that is about to close. This chronological report, including our war activities for the year 1917, constitutes in brief form a history and necrology of Lowell for the year and should be valuable for reference.
- January**
- Inaugural exercises held at city hall. Commissioners Frank Walcott and George H. Brown inducted into office. Commissioner Brown announced that ten per cent discount to water users be abolished and the rates be increased on per cent, making an increase of 20 per cent. over previous rates. One hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Lowell Textile school.
 - Annual banquet of South End club. School committee organized. Julian B. Keyes being the only member. Dr. John H. Lambert being re-elected chairman. Annual ball of Lowell Police Relief association.
 - Benjamin Buck of Tewksbury, charged with assault with intent to murder, James Brosnan to murder Capt. James Foye, appeared before grand jury.
 - Purchasing Agent Edward E. Foye and Supt. Robert J. Thomas of water department municipal council and Maxime Lepine and Robert Gardner elected in their places.
 - Inspector Angus H. McDonald, of state police, issues warning to local police.
 - Lowell death of Ruth E. Maxwell, aged 14 years, held. James Lally killed by train in Billerica.
 - Andrew G. Stiles, city treasurer, removed from office by municipal council and Fred H. Bourke elected as his successor.
 - Annual dinner of Lowell Board of Underwriters.
 - Daker Thompson killed by train near Blechnery station. Asa C. Russell makes endorsement of \$10,000 to Lowell Y.M.C.A.
 - Purchasing Agent Foye and Supt. Thomas of water department test their removal by municipal council.
 - Annual banquet of Bishop Deane assembly. Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus, and other made for audit of city treasurer's books. Lowell Board of Trade holds jubilee dinner. Lieut. James J. Powers elected sergeant at arms. Capt. George W. Peterson, to succeed Capt. George W. Peterson.
 - Mayor O'Donnell urges new law enforcement. Annual minstrel show of Matthew Temperance institute.
 - Police raid gambling den in Market street and arrest 33 men.
 - Amateur show opens at Casino.
 - Shakeup in fire department. Mid-winter musicale of Lowell Choral society.
 - Municipal council retains William D. Regan, Esq., as council in man-damus hearing. Dr. Alfred L. Lavigne arrested for auto charge. Jimmy Davern knocks out George Rivet in six rounds.
 - State Inspector McDonald orders radical changes in city hospitals.
 - City solicitor Harold A. Varum A. Varum resigns. Appropriation estimates from city departments turned over to state commission.
 - Remotion of St. Michael's parish.
- February**
- Judge Pierce of the supreme judicial court decides that Purchasing Agent Supt. Thomas of the water department and City Treasurer Stiles were illegally removed.
 - High school pupils present "Strongheart."
 - David J. Hurley of the fire department pensioned.
 - Annual town meetings at Tewksbury, Chelmsford, and Dracut. Biggest snow storm of the winter.
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 - Theodore Fletcher and aunt, Miss Fletcher, killed by automobile accident at Littleton.
 - John M. O'Donoghue named chairman of local coal committee.
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 - Inaugurate Conception parish reunion.
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46-BOATS TAKEN BY U.S. WARSHIPS

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—Four German submarines were captured recently by 12 American destroyers, according to an American seaman who reached his home here from a French port last night. The seaman—a former Boston newspaper man—stayed aboard a troop ship at the French port recently, he said, when the destroyers, all flying the stars and stripes, steamed in with their prizes. The submarines were lying upon the surface of the ocean, with their conning towers open, the charging their guns and the troop American destroyers swept down upon them and took them prisoners without a fight. While the transport was still at a French port, the seaman said, a German U-boat entered the harbor with a white flag flying from her periscope. The enemy crew explained that they had been lying in wait for the troopship in the open sea, and that when they failed to find her and their supplies ran low the crew mutinied, killed the commander and decided to surrender.

DESCRIBE CONDITIONS AT ARMY CAMPS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Disease epidemics and clothing and equipment shortages at Camp Bowie, Tex., and Camp Doniphan, Okla., were described by the respective commanders of these National Guard cantonments, Major General Greble and Wright. Both officers said the epidemics at their posts now were under control and that adequate supplies of overcoats had been received, but they described pictures of earlier conditions. They told, too, of enormous shortages of rifles, machine guns and other equipment still existing. Food has been plentiful, they said, and of good quality. Gen. Greble's story showed conditions at Camp Bowie to have been the worse. He declared that the lives of many men who recently died there would have been saved had winter clothing, sufficient tents to avoid overcrowding and proper hospital facilities and sanitation been provided. He told how the war department ordered 12 men housed in each tent where, he said, they were "so thick you could not walk between them." During November Gen. Greble said, 8000 men, or about one-third of his command, passed through hospitals, with deaths and serious disabilities and other losses averaging 16 daily. At one time 1800 men, he stated, were crowded into a hospital built to accommodate 800 and without a sewerage system. In September, the general said, he protested against crowding 12 men into a tent and against the lack of food. The result would be, he said, before months arrived the epidemic broke out. Now, however, he added, there are only 800 men in the camp. During the hearing the committee also received from Secretary Baker a letter in reply to its resolution, requesting immediate action to relieve clothing shortages in the cantonments, stating the necessary steps had been taken and that he would report fully as soon as all camps were heard from.

GOVERNMENT SEIZES BIG POWER PLANT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—To assure the adequate supply of electric power for establishments engaged in war work at Niagara Falls and Buffalo, the government yesterday requisitioned the electric power produced and distributed by the Niagara Falls Power company, the Hydroelectric Power company of Niagara Falls and the Chitt Electrical Distributing company. Canadian demands that approximately 100,000 horsepower of current imported from the Canadian side should be applied exclusively to war work were said to have been a determining factor in the government's decision to requisition all power. Operation of the plant is expected to be affected materially by the new order, as readjustment of the power supply had been effected previously by representatives of the War Industries board conferring with the Buffalo manufacturers.

Approximately 10 factories not working directly on war contracts will curtail their electric power requirements somewhat, will use power at

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Under authority of Section 40, Chapter 580 of the Acts of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts of 1908, as amended by Chapter 241 of the Acts of 1909 and Chapter 171 of the Acts of 1912, notice is hereby given that Book No. 2250 on the Central Savings Bank is lost. Payment has been stopped and application has been made for payment of the amount, \$15, 22, 23.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts—Middlesex ss. Probate Court.

To all persons who are interested in the real estate hereinafter mentioned: Whereas Hannah V. Keating of Lowell, in the County of Middlesex, having an interest in certain real estate situated in Lowell, in the County of Middlesex, and described in said petition, has presented to said Court her petition setting forth that said real estate is subject to a valid and enforceable claim of reversion created under the will of Julia Regan, late of Lowell, in the County of Middlesex, deceased, and praying for the said real estate to be sold at private sale or public auction, for reasons therein set forth.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the eighth day of January A. D. 1918, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any you have, why the same should not be granted. And said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in The Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell, the last publication to be made on or before said Court, and by mailing, postpaid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested, seven days at least before said Court.

Witness: Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-first day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

F. M. ESTY, Register.

times when munition factories are making their smallest demand, and will substitute steam for electricity as much as possible.

WOMAN ROBBED BY MASKED YEGGMAN

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—While thousands of persons were passing about a block away on Huntington avenue, a masked desperado held up Mrs. Charles Klein, an actress playing at the Boston Opera House, in St. Stephens street, Back Bay, at 7:45 last night. Threatening her with a revolver, he took her pocketbook, which contained \$60 in money. Miss Edith Shaw, a friend, was with her at the time. After securing the pocketbook the bandit ran across a vacant lot, past two men who were standing on a nearby corner and into the Fens, where all trace of him was lost. Evelyn Back Bay policeman and the police of the surrounding cities and towns were on the watch at once for some trace of the criminal. As he is known to be armed and it is believed he will not hesitate to use the weapon, the police are prepared for stubborn resistance if he should be run to cover.

EMPLOYEE OF AIRPLANE CO. MAY BE GERMAN SPY

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—At a preliminary hearing yesterday of charges of failure to report for the selective draft, the espionage act against Paul H. Billhuber, until recently an aero engineer employed by the Dayton-Wright Airplane Co. of Dayton, Ohio, in the planning and construction of aircraft for the United States army, Walter S. Whitaker, traffic manager of the company, identified a correspondence file, together with maps, drawings and plans and the secret minutes of the aero company's strategy board outlining war policies, which were found in Billhuber's rooms at the Y.M.C.A. hotel in Chicago. The revelations brought out at the preliminary hearing led federal officials to believe that Billhuber may be a German spy. He is 29 years old and gave his home address as Maywood, N. J. Mr. Whitaker said that although Billhuber was a trusted employee in the engineering and construction department of the company he would have no occasion to see most of the correspondence and records found in his possession. The plant of the company for several months has been despoiled exclusively to the manufacture of airplanes for the United States government. Government agents have been carefully investigating Billhuber's movements during the past three years, with special attention to his connection with other airplane concerns. He claims American citizenship.

BRADFORD GIVEN LIFE SENTENCE

LACONIA, N. H., Dec. 28.—Morris P. Bradford, who shot and killed Miss Alice B. Richards and wounded two other teachers at the New Hampshire school for the feeble minded, on June 28, yesterday pleaded guilty to first degree murder and was sentenced to prison for life. He had previously pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity, and his trial was set to begin next Monday.

Bradford was manual training instructor at the school and occupied a cottage on the school grounds near the shore of Lake Winnisquam. He had complained of being melancholy and home sick and, to cheer him, Miss Richards, head teacher of the school, Miss Elizabeth Sues, assistant matron, and Miss Dorothy Davis, a teacher, went to his cottage on June 28 to take supper with him.

Late that night Bradford paddled in his canoe two miles across the lake to this town and gave himself up to the police. On his way to the police station he called Dr. Benjamin W. Baker, superintendent of the school, in the telephone and told him to send down to the cottage. Dr. Baker found Miss Richards dead and Miss Sues and Miss Davis severely injured.

During the investigation later, Bradford maintained that all the events of the night had been effaced from his memory. Miss Sues and Miss Davis, who eventually recovered from their wounds, said that after supper Bradford tied the three women in chairs, telling them he was going to teach them a new kind of game, and then attacked them with a knife, cutting their hair close to their heads and beating them with a club. The autopsy report said that Miss Richards was "choked, strangled and throttled," that there were knife wounds on her throat, and that she had been struck 15 times on the head with a blunt instrument.

The state alleged that the rope with which the three women were tied was bought by Bradford several weeks prior to the date of the crime and that a blood stained knife found in the cottage was purchased from a Chicago mail order house about the same time.

Bradford made a sensational escape from the jail here on Sept. 24, unlocking his cell door and climbing down a lightning rod to the ground. He then went to the home of the engineer of the school where the jail officers found him. He asserted that he had no intent of running away.

Through counsel Bradford pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity to an indictment charging first degree murder. He was confined in the state hospital for the insane for observation and recently Dr. C. H. Johnson, superintendent of the hospital, gave it as his opinion that the man was sane.

The alleged motive of the attack on the women has never been announced by the prosecuting officials.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

The regular meeting of Court Scandinavia, Foresters of America, was held last night in Odd Fellows building. There was a large attendance and considerable business was transacted. The principal business of the meeting was the election of officers which resulted as follows: Past chief ranger, C. E. Wogander; chief ranger, A. P. Carlson; financial secretary, O. M. Fihl; recording secretary, I. Johnson; treasurer, J. A. Nelson; senior woodward, C. J. Harman; junior woodward, W. E. Enquist; senior head, G. Engstrom; junior head, O. Jorgstad; lecturer, C. J. Nyström; trustee for three years, Carl Lundgren; trustee for two years, Oscar Erickson; visitors, C. J. Nyström, L. J. Blason, W. C. Auditors, A. S. Alstrom and O. Ingstad. The installation of officers will be held Jan. 10, when refreshments will be served.

The members of Division 11, A.O.H., met in regular session last night. President John P. McInerney in the chair. One new member was initiated and one application was referred to the investigating committee. The following officers were elected to serve during the ensuing year: President, John J. Kennedy; vice president, Patrick Sexton; financial secretary, William Nelson; recording secretary, John P. Kelly; treasurer, John H. Kiley; sergeant-at-arms, Martin O'Donnell; doorkeeper, Frank McLarny; physician, James J. Cassidy. A rising vote of thanks was given the retiring officers. Under the good and welfare of the order there was speaking by Michael Connelly, Patrick Sexton, Thomas Leyden and Daniel McKeever.

A Christmas tree entertainment was held by Cauldwell, Rebekah lodge Thursday night following the regular business meeting. There was a large attendance and the affair proved to be a success in every particular. A recitation of welcome was given by Mildred Wells, after which there was a reading by Nelda Cross; a duet by Miss Gladys Walton and Douglas Logan, a recitation by Marjorie Shaw; a Christmas song by Lester H. Shaw, and a solo, "Keep the Home Fires Burning," by Miss Leona Small. Then came the best feature of the evening, the entrance of old Santa himself impersonated by Linwood Sanders, who had a present and a bag of candy for every one.

The regular meeting of the French

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"Darkest Africa" has always interested children. It is doubly interesting right now. Tell them about Africa's part in this great war and of the colored troops in France.

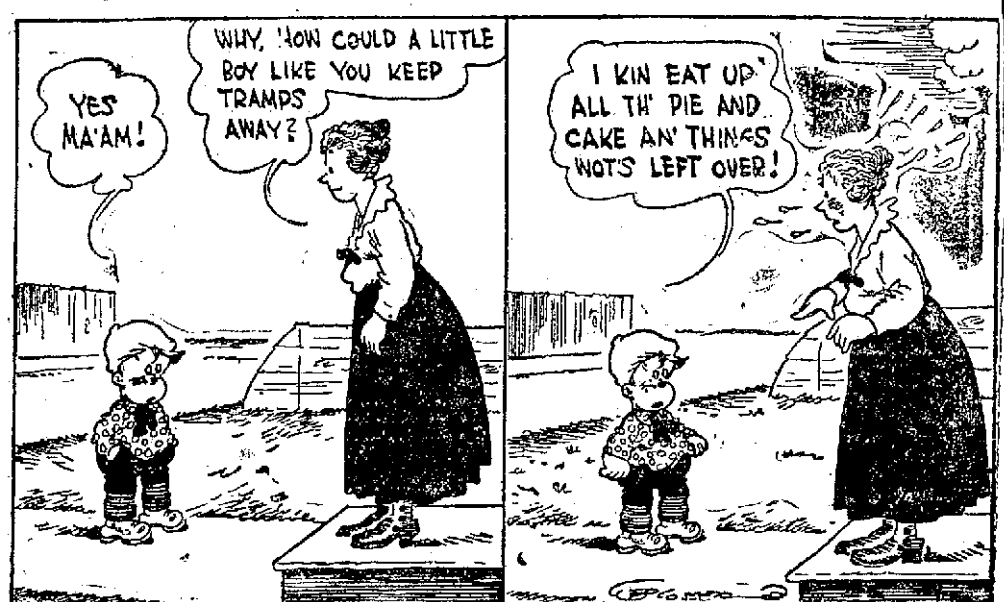
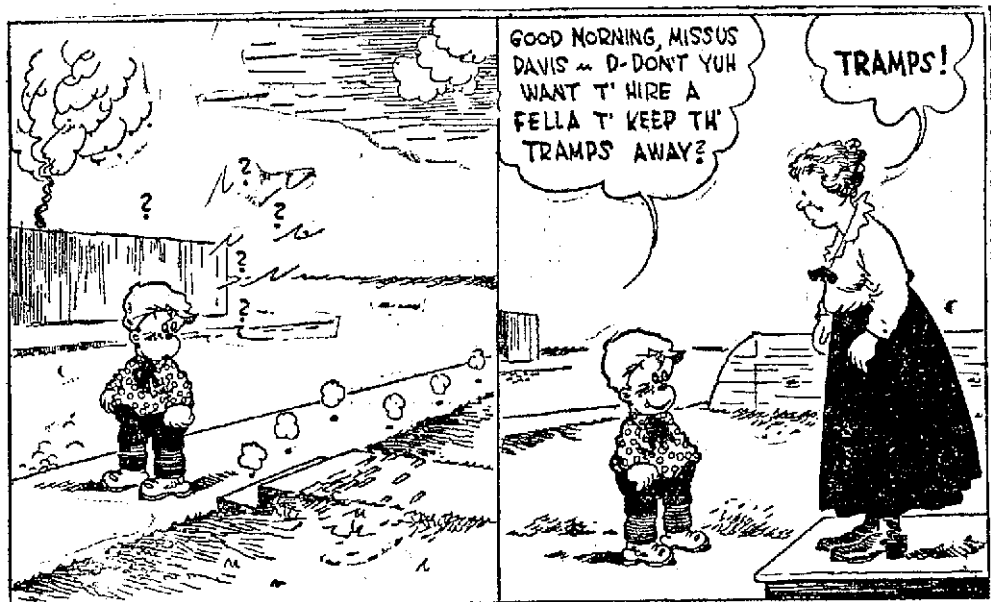
Be sure you get this map next Sunday. It is given with every copy of the Boston Sunday Advertiser-American.

American Social club was held Thursday night and the following officers were elected for the coming year: President, George Morrisette; vice president, Thomas Rochette; secretary, Noel Lettierie; directors, Frank Colette, Wilfred Froehette and Alexandre Gagnon; auditors, Leo St. Hilaire, Alfred Germain and Edouard Gagnon; caretaker, Norbert Savignac. The installation of officers will take place on the evening of January 10 and an entertainment program is being prepared for the occasion.

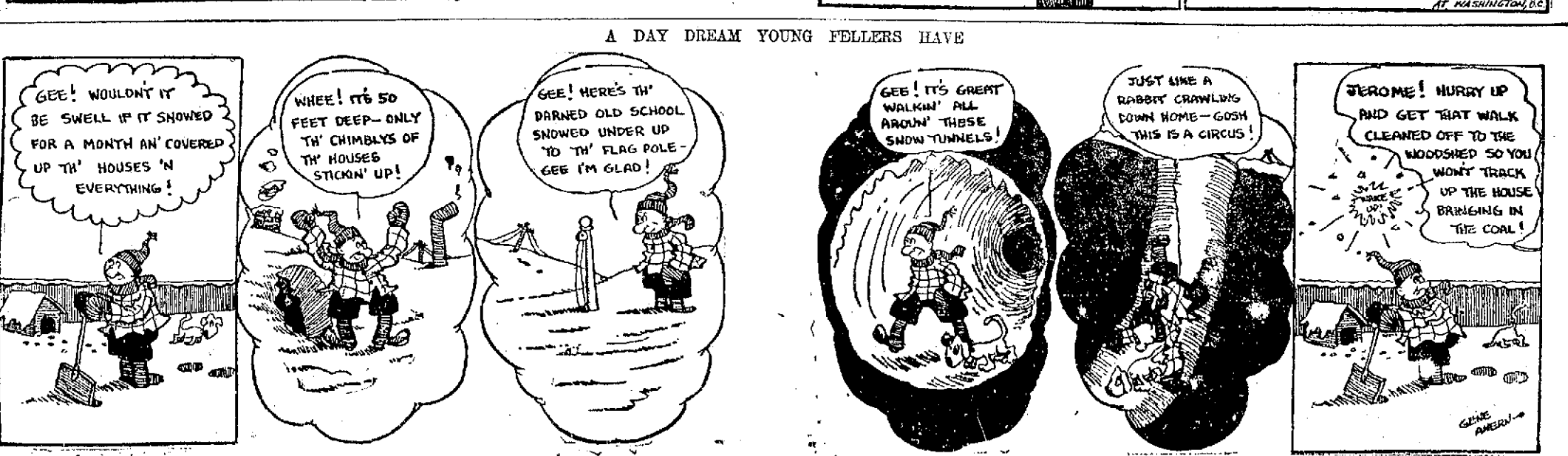
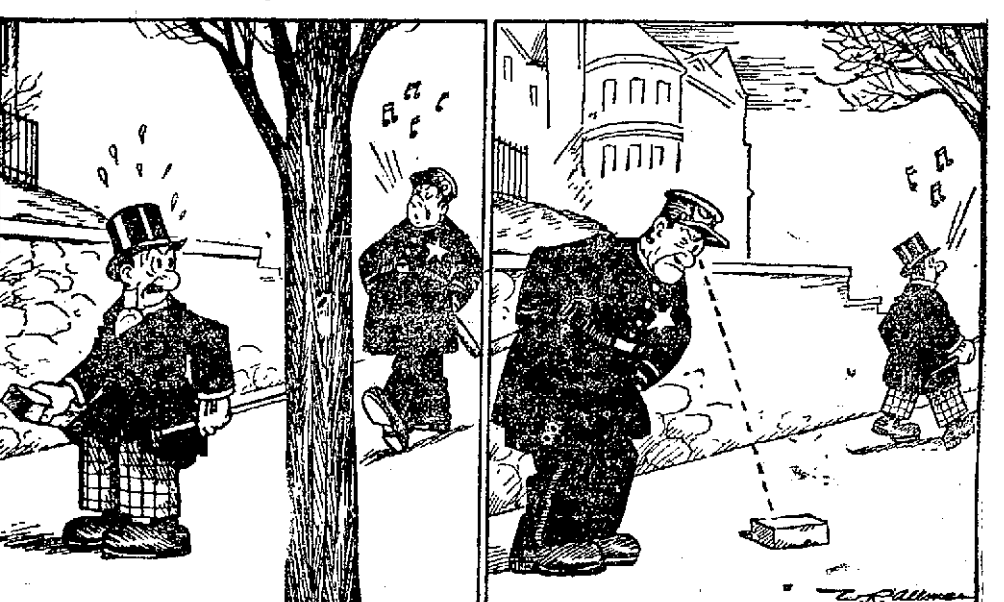
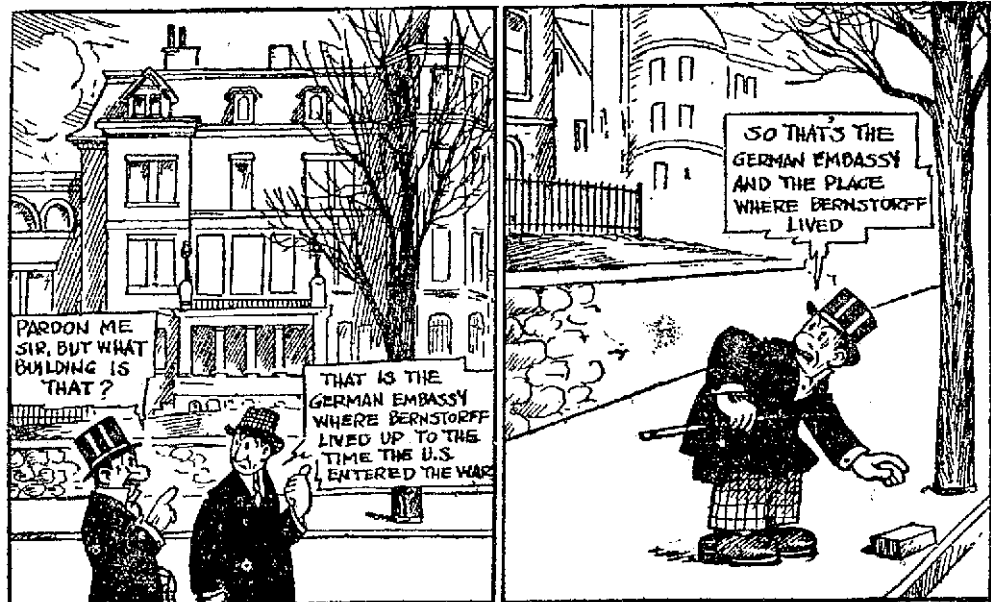
The regular meeting of Court Gen. Dinon, Foresters of America, was held in Grafton hall last night. Chief ranger, Francis J. Murphy presiding. There was a large attendance and considerable business of importance was transacted. One new candidate was initiated. The principal business of the evening was the election of officers for the ensuing year which resulted as follows: Chief ranger, Patrick Owens; sub-chief ranger, Peter Quinn; treasurer, Doctor Gill; financial secretary, Ste-

phen Breen; recording secretary, John J. Mahoney; senior woodward, Matthew Sheridan; junior woodward, John Fitzpatrick; senior head, Hans Becky; junior head, Eugene Bolger; lecturer, Walter Roches; physician, Dr. Fred P. Murphy; trustee for three years, Michael J. Monahan. A rising vote of thanks was voted to the retiring recording secretary, Joseph A. Lorrain, who has accepted a position with the government in Washington, D. C. The woodwards reported two members on the sick list, and the treasurer reported that the financial sheet had increased its assets.

FRECKLES MUST HAVE BEEN READING THE FOOD CONSERVATION ADS.



TOM WANTS TO GIVE BERNSTORFF AN IRISH BOUQUET



NO LIQUOR FOR U. S. SOLDIERS IN FRANCE

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Dec. 28.—(By the Associated Press)—Gen. Pershing, in an interview with correspondents today, said the question of prohibiting the sale of all intoxicating liquors to American troops which he favors, is being discussed with the French government. He explained his recent order prohibiting the sale of all intoxicants except light wine and beer and the conditions prevailing in France which caused it to be drawn as it was.

"The question of prohibiting the sale of all intoxicants is under discussion," said Gen. Pershing, "but, of course, there are difficulties here in France that do not exist in the United States. The general order issued Dec. 18 was a long step toward the prevention of drinking among our men."

"It was not by any means intended to convey an injunction to the American troops to drink light wine and beer, but quite the reverse."

"It stated only that light wine and beer could be permitted and prohibited the purchase of and acceptance of gifts of whiskey, brandy, champagne or similar beverages. It ordered that all drinking places where such articles are

sold be forbidden American soldiers. It is the same regulation made in France by the British army and by the French. "Although I am heartily in favor of prohibition for the American expeditionary force the situation in France and the United States is not the same. Comparatively few French people drink liquor as we do, they drink wine instead. This is partly because the French water supply is not as pure as ours. French wine is light and much less intoxicating than is generally supposed. Obviously there are obstacles to forbidding wine shops in the zone of the army to do business at all, which practically is what the French would have to do."

"The same order which forbade soldiers taking strong drink contained the most rigid regulations to prevent the spread of the social diseases. Thus far the record of the army in both respects has been most excellent. It is a testimonial to the high character of the American soldier."

TEMPORARY QUARTERS FOR SCIENTIFIC LABORATORIES AT MT. HOLYOKE COLLEGE

SOUTH HADLEY, Dec. 28.—President Mary E. Woolley of Mount Holyoke college announced today that plans were under way to provide temporary quarters for the scientific laboratories, which lost most of their equipment in the burning of Lyman Williston hall on Dec. 23. Material for the museums of botany, zoology and geology will be replaced as rapidly as possible, in order that the scientific courses at the college may be continued without serious interference.

Edward Dalton, for 49 years an employee of the Boston & Maine railroad and for the greater part of that time a conductor, died suddenly late yesterday afternoon at his home, 55 Nesmith street. Heart trouble was attributed as the cause of his death.

EDWARD DALTON PASSED AWAY YESTERDAY

Mr. Dalton was 65 years of age and had spent practically all his life in Lowell. He had been in fairly good health up until the time of his death, although annoyed slightly at times with heart trouble. The death of a daughter, Catherine, who died a few years ago, and more recently the loss of his wife, are thought to have contributed to some extent to his passing away.

Conductor Dalton was well known to Lowell people who have occasion to visit Boston frequently via the steam road. He had been conductor for many years on the trains between the local station and Lowell Junction. Later he had worked on the trains between Lowell and Ayer. He was considered one of the most capable and experienced employees of the Boston & Maine system and the thousands of people who have travelled on his "runs" can testify to his courtesy, interest and cordiality.

Mr. Dalton was born in Newton Junction, N. H., in 1852 and received his early education in that town. When a young man he came to Lowell and spent the greater part of his life in this city. He entered the employ of the Boston & Maine at the age of 18, first as a brakeman and after three years was appointed a conductor. He was one of the oldest conductors of the Boston & Maine road in point of service.

When 26 years old Mr. Dalton married Miss Catherine McDough, who died a little over a year ago. He became the father of three sons and two daughters, and four children survive him. They are Mary Dalton, John Dalton, well known as a tenor soloist; Frank and William Dalton, both employees of the Boston & Maine; also two others, John, of Newton Junction, N. H., and Jeremiah, a conductor on the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad and a resident of Boston.

Mr. Dalton was especially well known in the Immaculate Conception parish and he was a devout attendant of the Immaculate Conception church.

AUTOMOBILE MEN ARE OVER ANXIOUS

STATE HOUSE, Boston, Dec. 29.—Governor McCall today received from numerous automobile organizations throughout the state a request that any proposed war tax on automobiles be sidetracked for the time being. No action has been taken by the governor. The automobile men became alarmed, it is understood by reports that the governor would include in his address to the legislature next week a recommendation for a tax of \$2 on every automobile and a jump from \$2 to \$5 for all driving fees.

The motorists says that they do not object to paying such a tax for the purpose of helping to win the war, if the tax is necessary, but declared that if such a tax is to be levied it should not be confined to automobile owners only, but also to drivers of cabs and carriages and to the vehicles as well.

The letter of protest, it is said originated at a recent meeting of New England motor car owners held in a Boston hotel, and Chester I. Campbell of Boston, who presided, appointed a committee to frame a letter to Governor McCall and made plans to visit the state house later and in person present their grievances.

To the governor's secretary and others close to the chief executive it seems as if the automobile men of the state are borrowing trouble. It is a positive fact that the recommendations which Governor McCall will make in his address to the legislature are unknown to anyone but the governor himself, and for the automobile men to protest against a recommendation which he is "expected" to make is rather out of place.

Interest begins Jan. 1, Savings Department, Old Lowell National Bank.

PRESENTED WHIST WATCH
Rev. E. C. Ramette, pastor of the French Baptist church in Ennet street who will leave tomorrow evening for New York, whence he will sail for France, where he will be engaged in Y.M.C.A. work during the duration of the war, was presented a handsome wrist watch by the members of his parish last evening. The presentation took place after the weekly prayer and the presentation address was delivered by Nelson A. Belanger. In the course of the evening refreshments were served and entertainment numbers were given by Edward Desjardes. The committee in charge consisted of Mrs. George A. Desjardes and Mrs. Nelson A. Belanger.

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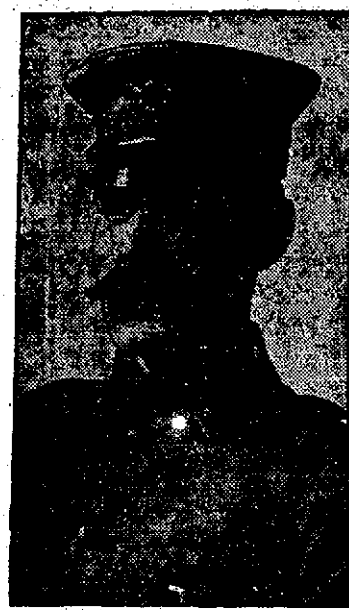
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TRANSFER OF THE TWO LOWELL OFFICERS



CAPT. JAMES N. GREIG



CAPT. THOMAS W. DOYLE

Capt. James N. Greig of Co. K of the old Sixth regiment, who has been stationed at Camp Greene, Charlotte, N. C., for several weeks with part of his company, has been transferred to another infantry unit and is now stationed at Newport News, Va. Another Lowell officer, Capt. Thomas W. Doyle of Co. G of the Sixth, is also at Newport News and is with the headquarters company.

This news reached Lowell this morning in a letter from Sgt. Eli B. Hart of Co. K to a member of the Sun staff. The Lowell boys who are at Camp Greene more than enjoyed themselves Christmas day, according to the sergeant. A number of the boys were the guests of Mr. D. F. McAdams, a former Lowell man who is now proprietor of the Southern Pines hotel at Southern Pines, N. C. The soldiers were treated royally by the Lowell man and well, let Sgt. Hart tell about it himself.

Camp Greene, Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 26, 1917.

Friend Charlie:—I am just dropping you a few lines which may be of interest to you and other Lowell people who are interested in the boys of the old Sixth. The boys of the Sixth had a very merry Christmas considering all conditions. Five per cent of the men got through for over the holidays so they had the pleasure of being at home over Christmas.

A very nice Christmas dinner was served at the company kitchens. The people of Charlotte came up to camp and passed around cigars, cigarettes and candy. But special mention must be given to a former Lowell man who through his interest and hospitality made merry a dozen Lowell boys who were unable to get home.

The former Lowell man is Mr. D. F. McAdams, proprietor of the Southern Pines hotel, Southern Pines, N. C. Southern Pines is about 80 miles from here on the Seaboard Air Line railroad. We formed a party of Lowell boys and, believe me, Charlie, we were treated royally. Everything was thrown wide open to us by Mr. and Mrs. McAdams. After dinner, of

which I am enclosing a menu, we motored through the town and the surrounding hills. There are scenes which the boys will never forget, it was just beautiful.

We then went in autos to Pinehurst, about 10 miles from Southern Pines, and after enjoying a trip through the finest resort I've ever seen, Mr. McAdams took us to the races at Pinehurst park. Returning to Southern Pines we were served a fine supper, and after exchanging best wishes, the Lowell boys left on the 7.48 train for camp. The boys all agree that Mr. D. F. McAdams is the man of the hour.

Well, Charlie, I might tell you if you have not already heard, that Capt. James N. Greig of Co. K has been assigned to infantry at Newport News, Va.; also Capt. Thomas W. Doyle of Co. G has been assigned to Newport News in the headquarters company. The following men composed the party entertained by Mr. McAdams on Christmas day: Lieut. Leander Conley, Co. G, 30th U. S. Infantry; First Sgt. Eli B. Hart, Co. K, 6th Mass. Infantry; First Sgt. John McCallahan, Co. G of the 6th; Sergeants Linwood Braun and Frederick V. Fahy of the 6th; Corporal John T. G. Corp. Wallace Ouston of Co. G, Cook Frank Hart, Co. K and Privates John Mulligan, John Donnelly and Felix Sweeney of Co. C.

Enclosed you will find a postal of the Southern Pines hotel.

Well, I wish you a happy and prosperous New Year and many returns of the day.

Eli Hart, Sgt. Co. K.

The menu to which Sgt. Hart refers has "everything." It starts in with the hot bouillon and runs the gamut of duchesse potatoes, chicken fricasse, shoulder of lamb, roast young turkey and other incidents of a Roman fruit punch, plum pudding, cheese and crackers, three kinds of pie and a few other interesting specialties. The Lowell men were not hungry on Christmas day. Once more the traditional "southern hospitality" has asserted itself.

Coldest Since 1914

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supply power. Reports from various sections of New England told the same story of new winter records.

"There is not much promise of relief today or tomorrow," the weather bureau announced. The cold is general. Reports probably will show greater suffering than in 1914 for the reason that thousands of homes are not provided with sufficient fuel. With sunshine today conditions should be bright and cheerful, but the weather bureau here, Northfield and Burlington, Vt., each reported 20 below. Concord, N. H., reported 23 below and Hartford, Conn., 24 below.

24 Below at Greenville, Me.

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No Immediate Relief

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—A great, thick, blanket of cold air, lying snugly over the country from the upper Mississippi valley to the seaboard, has plunged the whole eastern section of the United States into a cold snap from which the weather bureau foresees no immediate relief.

While record low temperatures may be shown in some places the cold generally does not feel as severe as it would seem, but it is none the less effective as an agent of distress and suffering in many localities, where there are coal shortages, intensified by the increased difficulties of transportation and communication.

In the language of the weather sharps, an "anti-cyclone" is responsible for the change. This is nothing more than an extraordinarily high barometer, touching this morning as high as 31 inches, something seldom seen in winter weather. This condition, prevailing over a great territory, will cause a sudden change in pressure has suddenly settled down over the eastern section and by its superior weight and force has crowded out to sea the low pressure area which contained the warmer air. Around the edges of the high pressure area there are rain and snow, but the whole great mass has settled so snugly and given so little place to warmer air that the weather bureau warns the country it may not expect relief for three or four days at least.

disappointment—16—35p.

One Below in New York

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—With the mercury one degree below zero at 8 a. m. and continued cold weather predicted for the next two days, New York's coal shortage again became acute today and caused fuel administrators considerable anxiety. It was said that only two-thirds of the city's normal supply of 40,000 tons was delivered yesterday.

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MATTHEWS WILL ELECT OFFICERS TOMORROW

The annual election of officers of the Matthews Temperance Institute will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock in the institute hall in Central street. A number of contests for the various offices will be fought out and decided and the "Mats" are unusually interested in the outcome of the election.

John J. Townsend, the present president, is a candidate for re-election and although no opposition has manifested openly, it is thought by many of the members that a "dark horse" will jump into the arena at the last moment and give Mr. Townsend a battle.

Vice President Daniel Sullivan will be opposed for re-election by P. Frank Riley. Candidates for other offices are as follows: Financial secretary, Arthur Moriarty; recording secretary, John Sargent; treasurer, Fred Brown; trustees, John O'Neill, Frank Sullivan, Frank Clark, Arthur Finnegan, William Ryan and Walter Quinn; board of examiners, Charles Nestor, William Busby, William Riley; literary committee, Patrick Kane, Thomas Durkin and Thomas Tighe.

After the election of officers there will be a rehearsal for the coming minstrel show of the Matthews.

DIVISION 1, A.O.H., COMPLETES PLANS FOR DANCING PARTY NEW YEAR'S EVE

Everything is in readiness for the New Year's eve dancing party to be held by Division 1, A.O.H., in Hibernian hall on Monday evening and Tuesday morning. The affair will be another of the division's long line of social successes. The party is being held in conjunction with the celebration of the 5th anniversary of the vision. Sheehan's orchestra will furnish music for the occasion.

At a meeting of the division held last evening the officers of the committee announced as follows: Joseph O'Sheehan, general manager; John P. Sheehan, assistant general manager; Michael Connelley, treasurer; John Murphy, door marshal; Bart Murray, assistant door marshal; aids, Thomas Fitzgerald, Edward Appleton, Edward Finnegan, Timothy Finnegan, Dennis P. Lynch, George J. Tracy, reception committee, Dr. P. J. Bagley, chairman; Hon. James E. O'Donnell, Hon. James B. Casey, James A. Gallagher, Charles Callahan, Dr. John P. Boyle, James O'Sullivan, John O'Hare, James Lyons and Patrick Reardon.

PASTOR ACCEPTS CALL

Rev. Joseph E. Kennedy, pastor of the Lonsdale, R. I., Presbyterian church, has accepted the call extended to him by the First Presbyterian church, Dec. 19, and has notified the division that he will take up the duties of pastor on Jan. 1 and will preach on Jan. 6.

SINKING OF U-BOAT

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tower appeared on the surface between the Nicholson and the convey and the Nicholson fired three shots from her stern gun. The bow of the submarine came up rapidly. She was down by the stern but righted herself and came to the surface.

The Fanning ordered the submarine to pick up the prisoners, both destroyers keeping their batteries trained on the boat.

Line On Submarine

"A line was got to the submarine in a few minutes and the line was let go and the crew of the U-boat jumped into the water and swam to the Fanning."

"Although the crew all were life preservers a number of them were exhausted when they reached the side of the destroyer. The sunken U-boat was towed to the surface and the crew were taken on board. The radio aerials and carried below the surface before they disentangled themselves. Ten of the men were so weak that lines had to be passed under their arms to haul them aboard. One man was in such a condition that he could not walk and had to be carried on a stretcher."

Chief Pharmacist's Mate Elzer Harwell and Coxswain Francis G. Connor, (N. K. V.) jumped overboard after this man and secured a line under his arms. When he was hauled aboard every effort was made to resuscitate him but he died in a few minutes. The other 35 members of the crew were all taken prisoners.

"After being taken on board the prisoners were given hot coffee and sandwiches. Though kept under strict guard they seemed contented and sang a short hymn and then began to sing. To make them comfortable the crew of the destroyer gave them their warm coats and heavy clothing."

First Charge Wrecked Machinery

"The German officers said the first depth charge had wrecked the machinery of the submarine and caused her to sink to a considerable depth. The claim excited, but he did not have the moral courage to come forward with the matter. Would you be surprised, Mr. Harvey, if the major voted against the bill?"

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British Admiralty Report

The British commander-in-chief, Lord Jellicoe, has reported to the British admiralty that the Fanning is a man-of-war in the best sense of the term, will discipline and action. He also praises her commander, Lieut. A. H. Carpenter, and commends Lieut. Henry Coxswain, Pharmacist's Mate Harwell and Coxswain Connor, who jumped overboard to save the drowned German.

SALARY INCREASES

Continued

For personal injuries were settled, while an order for \$1500 was voted. Mrs. Grace J. Jewett was awarded for the taking of land in Kirk street for the erection of the proposed new high school.

The meeting was called to order with all members present at 10 o'clock by Mayor O'Donnell. An order for the transfer of \$600 from the general fund to the fund for the care of dependent children was adopted. The sum of \$6000 was transferred from the general treasury fund to the charity department.

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From the City Clerk

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To the Municipal Council.

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This notice and petition is not filed with a view of engaging in litigation with the city of Lowell, but is intended merely to call attention to the matter and have proper consideration.

Very respectfully,

Stephen Flynn.

Auditor Turbox's Bill

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DEATHS

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CARLSON—Ralph Gordon Carlson, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Carlson, died yesterday afternoon at the home of his parents, 65 Fay street, at the age of 3 months, 16 days. Besides his parents, one brother survives.

WATER—Mrs. Sarah Carter, widow of George W. Carter, died yesterday at 43 Leverett street. She was aged 83 years. She leaves one daughter, Mrs. Sarah A. Monroe; two grandsons and one granddaughter. The body was removed to the rooms of Undertaker John A. Weinbeck, 42 Middlesex street.

DAGGETT—Mrs. Mary A. Daggett, a well known resident of Centralville, died at her home, 94 Twelfth street, aged 71 years. Mrs. Daggett was up and about the house yesterday attending her duties as usual, and did not complain of being ill until a short time before her death. She is survived by five daughters, Sister Alice, O.S.D., of Paul, Ill.; Misses Laura, Theresa, Nellie and Mrs. Agnes Warner; three sons, Francis of Seattle, Wash., Wallace of Alberta, Can., and George of Wollaston, Mass., and seven grandchildren. The time of funeral will be announced later.

FUNERAL NOTICES

CARTER—Died in this city, Dec. 28, at 43 Leverett street. Mrs. Sarah A. Carter, aged 83 years. Funeral services will be held at the rooms of Undertaker John A. Weinbeck, 42 Middlesex street, Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends are invited without further notice. Funeral in charge of Undertaker John A. Weinbeck.

CARLSON—Died in this city, Dec. 28, at his home, 65 Fay street. Ralph Gordon Carlson, aged 3 months and 16 days. Funeral services will be held at the home, 65 Fay street, Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertaker John A. Weinbeck.

DAITON—The funeral of the late Edward Daiton will take place Monday morning at 8:45 o'clock from his home, 55 Nesmith street. Solemn service will be held at 10 o'clock at the Immaculate Conception church at 10 o'clock. Interment will be in St. Patrick's cemetery. Friends are kindly requested to attend. Funeral in charge of Undertaker John A. Weinbeck.

DINNEGAN—The funeral of Mr. Chas. Dinnegan will take place Monday morning at 8:45 o'clock from his home, 125 North Main street, at 8 o'clock. At St. John's church, North Chalmers, a funeral mass of requiem will be celebrated at 9 o'clock. Burial will take place at the family lot in St. Patrick's cemetery. Undertakers O'Connell & Mack in charge of the funeral arrangements.

KELPIN—The funeral of John C. Kelpin will take place Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the funeral parlors of P. H. Savage. Interment will be in St. Patrick's cemetery. Undertakers O'Connell & Mack in charge of the funeral arrangements.

PAIGE—The funeral of Irving E. Paige will take place from 73 Middlesex street, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends are invited without further notice. Burial private. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertaker George W. Healey.

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SUN WRITER IN FRANCE PREDICTS LONG WAR

The following letter is written by C. C. Lyon, who represents The Sun and other newspapers with General Pershing's army:

With General Pershing's army in France, Dec. 29.—It is quite apparent that we—the allies—have been fooling ourselves.

Germany is not the down and out antagonist we have been making ourselves believe she was.

If there were no other proof the Teutons' success against the Italians proves that.

The collapse of Russia as a war factor has made Germany vastly stronger on the western front.

The allies have a real job on their hands.

"The war will be over in three months after the big American army gets into action against the Boches," is constantly heard from many young American officers, none of whom have even been to a battle before.

This is pure bluff.

Fortunately for America, this confidence is not shared by the older, seasoned officers. They are almost unanimous in declaring there is stern business ahead for our troops—anything but the picnic their younger colleagues picture.

The British, who have been putting up a winning fight against the Germans on the western front for a long time, aren't deceiving themselves as to the real situation.

"To my mind," he told me, "four things are necessary before the allies finally win:

"1. We must gain for ourselves overwhelming mastery of the air.

"2. We must outnumber ourselves with men, guns and munitions that we can crush them in the same manner as Germany has crushed some of our weaker allies.

"3. We must quit thinking that Germany is going to have an eternal truce that will put her out of business.

"4. We must have a single control for the allied war operations.

One of Germany's strongest points is that she absolutely controls the armies of her allies, and is able to use them, at any time, to the very best possible advantage as occasions arise."

Up to this time the entente allies have fought in sections regardless of one another, without co-ordinating

our strategy."

Every day, on the western front it becomes more and more evident that the complete control of the air is going to be a determining factor in terminating the war.

I was with the French army recently when it scored some of its greatest victories, and its successes can be traced directly to the accuracy and intensity of its artillery fire.

This was made possible by the assistance given by a vastly superior air service that succeeded in "blinding" the enemy by keeping his aviators far behind his own lines and at the same time located the German batteries and directed the fire of the French guns upon them.

What greater results can be accomplished when the United States has from 25,000 to 50,000 machines in service pouring machine gun bullets into the German trenches, shooting up German supply trains and reinforcements and bombing towns and cities in the interior of Germany?

To my mind it's time to quit waiting for Germany to "blow" up from the inside, and to begin planning a few big knockout punches in which the allied armies will strike at the same time in as many different places as possible.

I but repeat the statements of many noted French, British and American war experts over here when I say that, regardless of what happens in Italy and Russia, the war won't be ended in those theaters of conflict.

To win Germany must lick the British, the French and the Americans on the western front.

And Germany can never do that. She may overrun weaker foes like Russia, Italy and Rumania but she's up against an entirely different game when she goes up against the British, French and Americans.

The British and the French, as fighters, have shown themselves to be the equals of the Germans. Time after time, during the present year, they have smashed the German trenches, captured thousands of prisoners, and pushed their lines forward for big gains.

In the presence of the wonderful British and French troops, the Germans have shown themselves to be "quitters."

When America's big army lines up with the British and French, the war will be over. The Germans will be even more marked.

They will have the "big punch."

They'll win just as soon as they learn how to use it.

MEN WHO OPPOSE OUR ALLIES ARE PRO-GERMAN

BY HERBERT QUICK

United States Farm Loan Commissioner

A pro-German is a man who, by private or public utterances, stands in the way of a whole-hearted prosecution of this war and the defeat of the German will to conquer.

He may do it by finding fault with the conduct of the war. He may do it by impracticable peace arguments. He may do it through mistaken policy. He may do it because he is in the pay of the German government. He may do it because he has been fooled and bamboozled by those who are in Germany's pay.

The German will to expansion by conquest must be broken by defeat. If that rapacious will is not broken, the war will not give us peace. In all the history of the world there never existed a conquering nation less fit to rule others than are the Germans. This is true because the German policy is so brutal, so cruel, so scientifically exterminating.

In the streets of every town in German Poland children are falling and dying of starvation. Children 8 to 12 years of age are being carried through the streets by their parents because they are too weak to walk—because of starvation. The Poles are being exterminated as fast as possible by the Germans just as the Armenians—the oldest Christian nation in the world—are being exterminated by the Germans and the Turks. Why? Because Germany wants the property of the Poles for Germans after the war; and because they want the property of the Armenians for the Turks and Germans after the war.

There will can and must be broken by defeat. It is not the will of the individual German. It is the bloody, brutal, cruel, devilish will of the German government and the German ruling class, miseducated in the school which believes that

war is the summation of human good.

A pro-German is anyone who stands in the way of our successful prosecution of the war. Every word that falls from the tongue of any American or is written by him carries with it a responsibility greater than ever existed in the history of this nation. Look well to what you say or do.

Germany is in this country hundreds of papers printed in the German tongue. Whether this ought to be or not is a grave question. If any of these papers are loyal, I do not know of them. Some of them may be, but I have not heard of them.

These and other papers and many individuals say they are for America, but none of them say they are against Germany.

He who is for us is against Germany. He who is not against Germany, tooth and nail, in this war is not for America.

You can tell the pro-German by another test: If he is against France, or against Italy, or against Russia, he is pro-German.

The armies and navies of these powers are fighting our fight. They are dying by thousands every day to make the world safe for democracy. If we win, we must win because they do most of the fighting and dying, while we only do some of it.

The enemy of Great Britain is pro-German. The enemy of Russia is pro-German and antidemocratic. The enemy of Italy is against America.

The enemy of France is lost to every claim of patriotism.

Do not let these pro-Germans poison the atmosphere in your locality by slandering our allies without challenge. It is time to call down the man who fights against our allies with tongue or pen, no matter what flag those armies are fighting under.

Words are things. In such a crisis they are dreadful things, portentous things, things which can not be allowed to pass as of no account.

Germany is penetrating every country of the world with her hired spies and traitors. She disorganized the Russian army through traitors after the revolution. She knew the plan of Russian battle beforehand through traitors. She has filled this country with spies and traitors. She has financed the I. W. W. without doubt. She has destroyed property and debauched our citizens.

Is there any American who does not long for peace? Not one! Neither is there a Briton or Frenchman or Italian or Russian. But it must not be a German peace, leaving the great soldier in the center of his web waiting for another chance. It must be a real peace. It must be made with the German people or with a ruined Hohenzollern—one or the other. But he who talks peace as if he only longs for it, as if he only were commissioned to make peace, must want a different sort of peace from the sort we must have. Distrust him. He may be sincere, but he may not be.

The world has in the past been conquered by traitors—often than it was ever conquered by arms. This Mexican people fought each other into slavery to Spain. Let us not be bought by German gold into slavery to Germany.

Forecast of War in 1918 by Noted Military Expert—The New Forces in War

BY J. W. T. MASON

Famous American Military Expert

Victory is probable in 1918 only if the German people realize that the war has reached the point where Teutonic man-power is disappearing from the world at a greater proportionate rate than the man-power of any other belligerent.

It is too much to expect that events will so develop in 1918 as to permit the allies to deliver a knockout blow resulting in the unconditional surrender of the German armies.

But 1918 will see British, French, Italian and American troops all engaged in the business of killing Germans.

Germany in her turn will also kill, but with the odds terribly against her.

The most important event of the war in 1918 may be the raising of the American flag over the river Rhine.

Somewhere along the Rhine, probably between the Swiss border, where the Rhine rises, and the vicinity of Strasbourg, 75 miles north, the first American objective of the war is pre-announced to be concealed. During the course of the new year this concealment will be ripped wide open by a million American fighters.

Von Hindenburg and the Kaiser know that the best soldier material in the central empires as well as among the allies has been killed or permanently incapacitated. Even the second best has been annihilated.

Opposed to the third and fourth best of the central empires, the United States will have this year in Europe, not only her best, but her super-best.

A second condition that should make the fighting in 1918 different from the usual offensive methods of previous years of the war, is the fact that the British gave at Cambrai of the value of their tanks as offensive weapons.

Since the Cambrai engagement, a second use of the tanks for a surprise offensive has been made temporarily inopportune because of the concentration along the British front.

But with American tanks in profusion at the southern end of the western front this year, and with plenty of British tanks at the northern end, the Teutons will find the problem of equal concentration of their reserves well nigh insuperable.

Over 200 miles will then separate the areas of possible American and British offensives. Real surprise will have been reintroduced into modern warfare on a gigantic scale.

Apart from America's participation in the war during 1918, chief interest ought to center in the co-ordinated offensives of the British with the American armies.

It is in accord with the best principles of strategy that General Haig is now resting his forces. Never

front" than behind the southern part.

The decision to be taken will be the most fateful of the year 1918, and may turn out to be the most fateful of the war.

The problem of getting supplies across the Vosges mountains, which separate France from Alsace and part of Lorraine, was one that the French generals did not solve earlier in the war. Yet, there has been no opportunity for France to go to the problem for a second effort in knowledge gained from experience.

By the time the experience was ready, France hadn't the men to spare for a new advance to the Rhine.

Sometime during 1918, nearly four years after France's failure a million men from America will make an effort to solve anew the problem of the Vosges mountain barrier. The principal strategic aims of the American army in the new year, thus, will probably take this order:

(1) Making a secure passage through the Vosges mountains for a military advance into Germany;

(2) Marching across Alsace or Lorraine toward the Rhine;

(3) Forcing a passage across the Rhine into Germany proper.

This looks like an enormous program for a single year, when compared with what the allies have been trying to do for nearly three and one-half years along the west front. But 1918 is destined to see new conditions of fighting.

After three and one-half years of slaughter, the best soldier material in the central empires as well as among the allies has been killed or permanently incapacitated. Even the second best has been annihilated.

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since the war began have the allies been able to co-ordinate their major attacks for any length of time. This haphazard method of fighting, in which Germany owes so much, is to be abandoned in 1918 by the allies. Except to repel a possible German assault, the British forces probably will remain comparatively quiet from now until America gets ready to strike.

Then will come simultaneous offensives at the northern and southern ends of the western line, forcing the Germans on the defensive under conditions such as they have not yet encountered during the war. The French armies between the American and the British will probably not play a strongly offensive role in the 1918 fighting, except as supporters of the western front.

France has borne a more exhausting part of the warfare during the past three and one-half years than has England, and France has earned the right to rest until her help is urgently needed.

Enough ought to be expected of Russia, as to uncertainty, during 1918, to keep a considerable force of Germans watchful along the eastern front.

GLOOMY PICTURE OF GERMANY'S FUTURE

AMSTERDAM, December 30.—A gloomy picture of Germany's future was painted by Grand Admiral Von Tirpitz in his recent speech in Essen, according to the Hamburg News. Regarding a successful economic war against Germany after the war he said:

"Imagine the position if we simultaneously have to bear the burden of taxation which must fall on every German and, despite the fallen value of German money, we still have to buy the most necessary food and raw materials from abroad. Can anyone in his heart of hearts really believe that in these circumstances, without an increase of power, without indemnity and without security we could avoid Germany's ruin."

Germany's plight at the hands of England he likened as follows:

"Not only has England taken our colonies and Mesopotamia, but everywhere she has made deeper and deeper bases for her maritime and colonial supremacy. She has tarnished and trodden down by the prestige and honor of Germany by unprecendented calamities. In the whole transatlantic world we are considered as conquered and done for."

Since the outbreak of the war the director of contracts for England's armies has made the following purchases: Cloth, 105,000,000 yards; Haulnet, 115,000,000 yards; Knives, forks and spoons, 35,000,000; Bacon, 400,000,000 pounds; Cheese, 167,000,000 pounds; Jam, 250,000,000 tins; preserved meat, 500,000,000 rations; boots, 25,000,000 pairs; socks, 40,000,000; shoes, 40,000,000.

TEDDY'S PLOT TO OUST BAKER FLAT FAILURE

Special to The Sun

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29.—The Roosevelt plot to drive Secretary Baker out of the cabinet will very likely die a-borning.

That it was a plot is indicated plainly enough by the sequence in events.

First a congressional investigation of the war department was started. General Crozier's testimony showed that there had been delay in getting guns of one kind or another for the army. Then Roosevelt broke loose with his editorial attack on Baker and the administration. The Kansas City Star followed up with a declaration that "Baker must go."

Right on the heels of that came Washington's response to the Philadelphia North American attempting to show Baker up as the obstructionist at the war department.

Both papers were leading supporters of Roosevelt in 1912 and 1916.

In the meantime Medill McCormick, congressman-at-large from Illinois, hurried himself before the investigation committee to tell what he thought he found out on his recent trip to Europe. McCormick is one of the owners of the Chicago Tribune, and is ambitious to be elected to the United States senate from Illinois. He was a progressive in 1912 and a regular republican in 1916.

The man who will make the plot and phoney ridiculous is Secretary Baker himself. He is courting full investigation and having heads of departments in the war office make public all the trouble there is—such as the report of General Gorgas on sickness in camps, etc.

When the investigators get through with the matter and make up and get to the actual accomplishments of the war department, another picture will be presented.

While it is true that machine guns already made were offered by manufacturers and the department said it "wasn't interested," the truth is that the guns were old style—some made for Russia. And the department didn't want these, wouldn't try them, and "wasn't interested" in junk.

It has appeared in the testimony already that the machine gun finally adopted is the best made anywhere—the Browning gun.

But the matter goes back of that. When Northcliffe came over here representing the British government his whole cry was "Give us ships, more ships, and still more ships." He said they had manpower enough and didn't expect an American army inside of 18 months. The allies wanted ships, food and fuel ahead of soldiers.

Everything depended upon ships. And the government based its transportation of soldiers and supplies on the shipping situation. It knew how fast it could send soldiers across, and has worked according to schedule.

There came a time when there was a hurry-up call for an American army—and ahead of the request of the allies previously made through their representatives in this country. That was when the French morale was believed to be low, and it was believed nothing would strengthen that morale so much as the appearance of an American army in France. Then Pershing and his army of seasoned regulars—who had been seasoned on the border and in Mexico—were hurried

across. Their appearance did the work. French and British morale perked up.

Since that time men have been going over just as rapidly as the shipping situation would permit—and they were supplied and equipped as fast as they could be transported.

But Baker never backed up in his determination—announced early in the game—that American soldiers would not go on the firing line in France until thoroughly trained, seasoned and fit to fight.

Those who are over there have continued their training and seasoning in France. They are fully equipped and supplied—and Baker has taken every possible precaution to protect, so far as is humanly possible, their health and their chances to come back home when the war is won.

The real reason Secretary Baker refused to let Roosevelt go to France in command of an American army was not political. He didn't question Roosevelt's patriotism or his sincerity. But Baker felt that he was personally responsible for the best possible protection of every American soldier who went to France. He didn't want their lives risked in spectacular but misguided and unimilitary exploits of heroism. He determined that they would go over there in charge of the best and most experienced leaders in the army. Secretary Pershing was the first commander sent to France. Political generals will stay at home.

None of the delays in getting either rifles or machine guns has interfered with the original program. No American army was expected to go on to the firing line before the spring of 1918. The allies didn't expect it. Everything will be done according to schedule—everything our soldiers need will be on hand in abundance before it is needed.

The best rifle, the best machine guns, the best munitions, the best clothing, the best food and the best generalship the war department can get.

The relatives and friends of our soldiers in France should not permit politicians to frighten them. The truth will all come out, and it will prove that our secretary of war has refused to be budged an inch by political pressure from his understanding of his duty to the American soldier abroad.

The present duty is a political plot that has been hatching for months. It is being hatched by newspapers and politicians that seek to promote the political fortunes of Theodore Roosevelt and the military fortunes of Roosevelt's army pet and personal friend, General Leonard Wood—who, incidentally, was receptive candidate for the republican presidential nomination in 1916.

The game is to try to besmirch Baker, to drive him from the cabinet, and to force President Wilson to form a coalition cabinet, with Roosevelt, or somebody he picks, as secretary of war, and with General Leonard Wood at the head of the army.

It is not backed or supported by such republicans as ex-President Taft and Judge Hughes. It is a plot of the wing of the progressive party which, under the leadership of Perkins and Roosevelt, betrayed the real progressives in 1916.

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REAL ESTATE NOTES

LOCAL BUILDING ACTIVITIES

BUILDING PERMITS FOR THE WEEK

VERY LITTLE BUILDING GOING ON HERE

This week has been the smallest in the year as far as the issuing of building permits is concerned at city hall. Up to yesterday morning there had not been one permit granted, although a couple of residents of the city had called at city hall with plans for the erection of a couple of large dwelling houses. In the afternoon, however, two permits were granted.

The permits issued were as follows: Thomas Paff, for the erection of an automobile shed 14 by 18 feet at 35 Clout Avenue at a cost of \$100. Pierre Morin for the construction of a three-story piazza 4 by 12 feet at 510 Moody street at a cost of \$100. Berel Greenberg, a local contractor, called at the office of the inspector of buildings at city hall this week and informed the clerk of the department that he was planning the erection of a nine-tenement building at the corner of Thorndike street and Madison street.

Each tenement will contain five rooms with pantry and bath and the building will be three stories high. The permit for the erection of the building will not be issued until next week. Another prospective builder, Michael N. Quabley, also called at city hall and told of plans for additions and alterations to a building at 55-57 Branch street. The building is now a two and a half-story structure and contains two tenements. After the proposed changes have been made the building will contain five, five-room tenements. The cost of the work will be about \$5,000. This permit will also be granted later.

REAL ESTATE DEALERS

Thomas H. Elliott, real estate broker, officers 64 Central street, corner Prescott, reports the following transfers negotiated during the past week: Through this office has been negotiated one of the largest and most interesting of the land transactions of the current season. The property involved is situated on the southerly side of Hildreth street and amounts to well over a quarter of a million square feet. The grantors in the transfer are the trustees of Princeton university.

who acquired title from the late Isaac C. Wyman. This property has been owned for a great many years past by the late Mr. Wyman and is a portion of the great bequest amounting up to millions left by him to Princeton university. The house on the premises is extremely old and is one of the landmarks of this section of the city. The total assessment on the property is \$16,800.

The grantee in the transaction is the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the purchasing body being the Homestead commission. Under the provisions of a recent act of the legislature, this commission has chosen Lowell as the location wherein it is to be demonstrated the possibilities in the erection of workmen's homes. Already on this site has been commenced construction work on several of these dwellings. Great interest on the part of economists throughout the country is evidenced in this work, which is the first of its kind to be undertaken in the United States.

Paul A. Bogossian, real estate broker, office 218 Bradley building, 147 Central street, reports the following sales for the past week: Final papers have been passed in the sale of a farm property situated in Phoenix road. This property, which consists of a five-room house, barn and hen house, lies in North Billerica and is located within easy distance of car line. The area of the land involved amounts to over 12 acres. The land for the most part is tillage. This transfer is affected on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. J. Duffy of Billerica. The grantors are J. Silva and J. Lobac of this city.

Parties are bonded for the transfer of a two-tenement house with 3438 feet of land in Liberty street. Detailed report of this sale will be made upon recording of final papers.

NANNY-NABBERS



REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS For the Week Ending Dec. 28, 1917

LOWELL.
Robert G. Bartlett to Fred Lavigne, land and buildings on Suffolk street and 67 feet from Moody street.
Children's Home, Lowell, to City of Lowell, land and buildings, on Kirk street.

Edwin A. Lynde et ux. to Domingos E. Veigo et ux., land and buildings on B street.
Edward M. Gilman et ux. to John Wehinger et ux., land and buildings on Ludlum street.

Leon N. Keramidas to Felepas E. Apostolou et al., land and buildings on Worthen street.
George R. Dana et ux. to Lyon Carlet Co., Lowell, land on West Adams street.

John Mantle to Krotokritos Alex Mayakea et al., land and buildings on Willis street and passageway.

Henry Russell et ux. to Charles P. Witham, land on Princeton street.
Margaret W. Merrill et al. to City of Lowell, land on Old Ferry Road, Varum avenue and Pawtucket boulevard.

Cordelia Perron et al. to Arthur Fayette, land on Moody street.
Aaron Crosby et al. to Manuel Espinola, land and buildings on Charles street.

Lizzie F. Kimball et al. to Manuel Espinola, land and buildings on Charles street.
Alfred T. Cates, et ux. to Morris J. Shapiro, land on Nichols street.

James E. Burke, tr. to Eugene B. Hamilton, land.
Jose da Silva et ux. to Joseph P. Duffy et ux., land and buildings on Wamsit and Rock streets.

Thomas E. Rothwell to John Purcell, land on Tanner, Plain and Brook streets.

BILLERICA.
Florence W. Darling et al. to Mary W. Hart, land on Chestnut avenue, Chelmsford and Billerica and Bedford and Billerica roads.

Billerica Realty Trust Co. by tr. to Wacdon Lach et al., land at Highlands.
Martha Burroughs et al. to Isabella A. McPhail, land at Nuttings Lake Park.

Chasie L. Phillips to Thomas Sullivan, land northwest of Rangeway road, Suburban Land Co., Inc., Boston, to Andrew J. Pigott, land at Nuttings Lake Park annex.

Stephen Duffey et ux. to Jose da Cunha Silva et al., land and buildings on Chelmsford and Billerica road and road to Lowell and Billerica road.
Clarence A. Bowman et al. to Thomas T. Sidelinker, land on road to Middlesex turnpike and Old Wyman road.

James E. Burke, tr. to Eugene B. Hamilton, land at Pinehurst Manor.
Billerica Realty Trust Co. by tr. to Peter Rudy, land on Prospect road.

Suburban Land Co., Inc., Boston, to Julia J. Cronin, land at Nutting Lake Park extension.

CHELMSFORD.
Rachel E. Gregg to Joseph Dalgle et ux., land and buildings on old road to Chelmsford.

James W. Gregg et ux. to Rachel E. Gregg, land and buildings on old road to Chelmsford.
George W. Gregg et ux. by gdn. to Joseph Dalgle et ux., land and buildings on old road to Chelmsford.

John H. O'Connor to Boston & Maine railroad, land.

BRACUT.
Felepas E. Apostolou et al. to Louis V. Keramidas, land and buildings on

road from Centre Meeting house to Methuen and an old road.
Mary L. Fox et al. to Moises L. Dalgle, land on road from Thimas Richardson's to Bernice Parker's.

Pavel Tymula by mtgee. to John Sass, land and buildings corner Lwarside and Seaver avenues.
Bernard W. Hampson est. by admx. to Elizabeth Murphy, land and buildings on Hampson and Pleasant streets and Old Meadow road.

Jennie Walley to Carl Lorensen et ux., land on Plinckney street.
Lewis C. Clark et ux. to Jennie Staples, land on Witham avenue.

Bridget M. Thomas et al. to Zenaide Staples Moyer, land on Witham avenue.
Joseph Edwin Kennedy et ux. to Maud L. Coburn, land on road from Lawrence to Nashua.

Eastern Land Trust by trs. to Joseph W. Tringue, land at Merrimack Park additions.

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land on Nichols street.
Francisca Pantini et ux. to William H. Rice, land on Marston road.
William H. Rice to Francisco Pantini, land on Marston road.
James E. Burke, tr. to Eugene B. Hamilton, land at Wamsit Highlands.
Walter W. J. McLaren et ux. to Harry A. Chaffin, land on 9th and 18th streets.
Walter W. J. McLaren et ux. to Lawrence M. Chaffin, land on 9th and 10th streets.

WILMINGTON.
James E. Burke, tr. to Eugene B. Hamilton, land at Wilmington Gardens, Wilmington. Gardens addition, Wilmington Manor and Wilmington Terrace.

Ross Patrola, South New Castle, Pa., owed 4 cents revenue tax. He sent stamps. The revenue collector returned them and required a certified check for 4 cents to be sent. The check was sent. It cost 6 cents in postage to make the transaction.

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"These are pretty toys," reason little Jack and Mary, busy with the new wonders. "They must have been made by nice, good people."

That's bound to have an effect upon Jack's dad. Multiply this new entente, growing in childish hearts and you have national friendliness.

No statesman, no psychologist, could have devised a more subtle or a more effective propaganda for international neighborliness.

Shiploads of Japanese toys were displayed this season and sold throughout the United States. There is about them a peculiar allure and a universal appeal to youngsters that means a fortune to the manufacturers of Tokyo and Nagasaki.

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"I'm glad for once that I'm a woman. We women are not in the war!" The speaker was a beauty and she had a delightful home, background and two motor cars, and a chocolate Chow, but no children. She would have been conspicuous all her life as the very charming wife of a rich man, had not the war come along to reveal her selfishness and shallowness.

Scarcely a year ago she belonged to the country's most envied class of ladies. Now she doesn't count at all! The busy world isn't paying the least attention to her petty personal vanities.

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FURRY COAT FOILS JANUARY SHIVERS

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NEW YORK—If one wore this delightful fur-trimmed coat the cold could be defied, for this charming garment achieves what is so difficult



in a bulky winter coat, both grace and warmth.

This coat is of taupe duvetyn and the fur trimming which is so vastly popular this year is applied in unique manner—broad bands on the collar and down the front and four narrow bands encircling the hem. There is no fur on the sleeve and the heavy silk cord makes both for ornament and lightness. The hat is of the same fur, moleskin, and there is an odd trimming of chenille and feathers.

SPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR WINTER SPORT

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NEW YORK—The clinging vine and hothouse plant type of woman has almost completely vanished from the earth, in her stead has come a



healthy, happy, vivacious person full of the zest of life and loving winter skating, coasting and tramping as well as summer tennis and rowing.

For this rose-checked out-of-door girl is shown here a rose-colored sporty coat and cap of soft, blanket-warm wool, and with it is worn a dark wool skirt and very high, heavy laced boots of leather. The warm color and snug comfort of this sport suit is a real temptation to winter exercise.



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Special to The Sun
SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 29.—"It was the heavy scum of hell,"

"Sprayed upon us as we crawled from our dug-outs when the shelling ceased, it burned the writhing forms of my comrades to a char in a few seconds. Others were screaming and falling everywhere."

"There was a violent hissing and a blinding, ghastly light, a longness of flame licking through the trenches."

"I had stumbled into a crater filled with mud, and that accident saved me from the German's most horrible weapon. Coated with clay, I was badly scorched but otherwise uninjured by the thing that did for my mates."

"But the mud was baked as if I'd been in a kiln, and it was with difficulty cut away by hospital attendants."

It is the greatest of battle horrors.

Such is a seasoned soldier's testimony about liquid fire used by the Teutons on the west front.

Today the U. S. army is testing a newly invented chemical-fire projectile whose destructive power is said to be far greater than any now being used in Europe and which may soon be hurled against the Hun who elected to fight with "the scum of hell."

Perfecting by Frederick C. Cook and his wife, of Seattle, Wash., the shell has aroused enthusiastic approval from government officials who watched secret demonstrations.

Here are claims made for the projectile by its inventors:

It will cause greater loss of life and property than anything now being used in the war.

Costs only \$25 to construct. Can be dropped from airplanes, and fired from siege guns or small-arms.

Airplane shells contain 10 gallons of the chemical fire, and gun shells 25 gallons.

Explosion automatically upon striking the ground, scattering its blazing death over a wide area.

The Germans first used liquid fire by spraying it through nozzles, at necessarily close range.

Later, crude containers were devised which scattered their blistering breath upon contact with the ground.

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Food is taken into the human body to produce heat.

The standard of its value is the number of heat units it contains. If too little fuel is taken into the human body an insufficient number of heat units to operate it are received and it works inefficiently.

If, on the other hand, too great an amount of food is taken the body becomes clogged and works just as inefficiently as if it had not received enough.

The most important thing is to remove promptly all of the waste materials remaining after the food has given up its heat units. If too great an amount of this debris is allowed to remain the fire of the body is in danger of being put out by these poisonous materials.

The elimination of these materials is one of the chief functions of the intestinal canal. One of the requisites of good health is an educated intestinal

tract. This because man in our present state of civilization is obliged to pay particular attention to functions which in a state of nature took care of themselves.

A robust man engaged in active exercise in the open air may commit dietary indiscretions which would be excused by his body's need for energy. Daily exercise is necessary for both.

Plain, wholesome food is just as necessary for the brain worker as for the man who labors with his hands. Above all, both must keep the human furnace well shaken down and without accumulation of ashes and debris in order that the fire of life may burn brightly and steadily.

the Cook projectile is that it can be hurled with accuracy at comparatively long range from guns—a far stride in flame warfare.

"I claim one of these land shells will destroy everything within an area of four city blocks," asserts Cook. "An entire village and its occupants can be erased within a few minutes."

Mrs. Cook has worked with her husband for over a year to make the new terror the quintessence of destructiveness.

"I have given my brains and energy to it in the hope that such an inflammable projectile will help end the war quickly in victory for the United States and the allies," she explained.

"Better make it short and terrible than to prolong the agonies through years."

"I believe that with the use of this rain of liquid flame America can do more in 60 days than has been done by the allies in the past three years."

"I have coddled and nurtured this thing—stroking a glistening shell—'as another woman might have cared for a child. I have wanted to make it the perfect death-dealer that peace and security and liberty for all the world might come the sooner."

A miniature liquid-fire shell exploded during army tests producing the above conflagration. The charge

was dropped from a tree, igniting an acre of ground. Inset are Frederick C. Cook and Mrs. Cook, inventors of the new flame projectile.

FLAME MISSILES USED IN WAR SINCE MAN CREPT FROM CAVE

In Italy, where the Kaiser broke through for the most spectacular drive of the war by employing liquid fire, the German hosts may soon get a staggering baptism of the same nature.

In fact, liquid fire will probably be the great and perhaps deciding feature of the war in 1918.

Alcantara modern armies on all fronts are using the 20th century perfection of ancient flame devices employed on these very fields in the dim beginnings of history.

As long ago as the conquest of Babylon by Cyrus, Belshazzar's soldiers hurled burning oil on the invaders from the city wall.

Archimedes, the Greek inventor, utilized the sun's fire, concentrated to a blade of heat by mirrors to destroy the Roman fleet at the siege of Syracuse.

Even in the cave age, primal man rolled hot stones from the hillside upon his enemies.

The modern has simply learned how to hurl blazing liquid from his cannon.

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Mrs. C. H. K. asks: "Is it true that worry has an effect on one's physical powers or health?"

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Every household in Italy saves all the odd bits of paper. These are soaked in water and kneaded into balls, then put in the sun to dry. They will serve to give a little heat later on. Walk down a fashionable street in Milan and you will see pyramids of these paper balls in the balconies of the houses of the rich.

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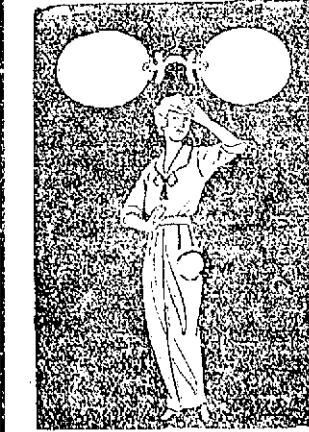
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Experiments in Uniforms for Women—Left to Right: Modified Dr. Walker Costume; Regulation Kitchen Uniform Adopted by Foodsavers; Similar Style Adapted to Street Dress; Original Greek Standardized Dress; Polymuriel or Universal Three-in-One Prize Winning Costume; Schoolgirl's Uniform; Olive Drab Military Garb.

BY WINONA WILCOX

Woman has always standardized her clothes more than she has realized. In any cycle of dress, most of its apparently great differences have been pure camouflage.

Rob dress of its color and strip it of its furrows and its lines would remain straightfront, or hipless, or hourglass or bouffantly bustled, according to the date of making.

Woman has always insisted on wearing her skirts long or short, scant or full, just as the designers decide for her. She has left it to the costumakers to determine whether her waist should be wasp or nat-

ural, high or low. She has put on silk or wool, cotton or linen, velvet, fur or chiffon, exactly as the commercial interests of the country have dictated.

Therefore any lightning change should be easy for her, even to a national uniform, should war impose that duty.

But probably it will be considerably easier to popularize a standardized wartime frock than it will be to design one.

The classic simplicity of primitive art inspires most dress reformers. An early and artistic type of national feminine attire must be credited to

the Greeks. What is considered an exact reproduction of this ancient universal fashion was woven recently by a group of New York artists. The design is interesting as proving the antiquity of the one-piece dress.

Agitation for dress reform in the United States was begun by Dr. Mary Walker half a century ago. Dr. Walker's idea of a uniform for women was trousers and a frock coat, a modernized version of which leads today's art suggestions.

But no matter what the model may be, the Polymuriel, or reversible dress is a woman cannot put it on in the morning and wear it all day, at all

kinds of occupations, in man's careless way. She must always have one kind of a dress for the kitchen and another for out-of-doors.

The national food conservation authorities recently invented a regulation kitchen garment which fastens with a single button and is conveniently finished with detachable collars and cuffs. This type becomes a very smart dress when developed in cloth with collar and cuffs of fur or velvet.

For which a prize of \$150 was given in a nation-wide contest a year ago recognizes woman's general need of different dresses for different occa-

sions. It is a triplet dress, a three-in-one combination, and it is dull or gay, as it is worn wrong or right side out. By omitting the skirt, it becomes a practical rainy day costume consisting of a Russian coat and trousers.

A true uniform is already in existence in some schools for girls. Whether made up in white cotton for summer or blue serge for winter, its lovely lines follow the figure in a way which suggests the ancient Greek pattern.

If the war actually makes necessary a uniform for woman, it will

doubtless also determine what that garb shall be like.

Thousands of women are already wearing olive drab military coats and capes, some with skirts and some with breeches and puttees. The color is compulsory for women who drive ambulances or work in other ways in the war zone. As a war exigency, the color may become fashionable for all civilians, but what the cut of the cloth may be remains the secret of some futurist designer.

A national uniform cannot, however, depart conspicuously from some one of the costumes herewith outlined.

And if thus you persevere, You'll triumph in the end."

"When a work you have begun Let naught your plan defeat. Then a thousand things half done Far better one complete."

"Lives of great men gone are lights That gleam for all mankind, Blazing pathways to the heights, Where true success we find."

LADY LOOKABOUT.

FASHIONS FOR SOUTH SET PACE FOR SPRING

BY BETTY BROWN

NEW YORK—Silk and satin will undoubtedly prove to be the chosen fabrics for spring costuming. The powers that be have announced a ban



on wool for spring gowns and suits so it is probable that we shall all bloom out in silks as soon as we lay off the velvet and velour of winter. The costume shown herewith shows a skirt of supple white satin with extremely graceful fullness and drapings over the hips and an odd two-pointed girdle that adds the pleasingly "different" touch to the garment.

The blouse is of embroidered voile and fine lace and the rather close cuff is tucked to the elbow on the inside of the arm.

Chemical analyses of the ash of household wastes, made at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment station, show that there is marked fertilizing value in such common refuse as banana skins, orange skins, apple peelings, pea pods, bean strings and stems, tea leaves, coffee grounds, eggshells, bones, peanut shells, tobacco, fruit stones, etc. These are recommended for fertilizing home gardens.

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LADY LOOKABOUT

Because the press is not presenting with the usual amount of importance, the happenings in the field of equal suffrage, it must not be surmised that things are at a standstill with suffragists or that a truce of any kind has been declared.

Never has the need of the ballot by woman been more keenly felt. At this time when so many and such heavy burdens are falling to her lot, she needs as she never has needed, the protection and support of the ballot. The government has legislated out of existence the profiteers, those who have taken undue advantage of the country's plight and thereby raising the prices of the necessities of life. But there is a profiteer of another order who is profiting on the labor of women and girls. Into the places of men he has put women to do men's work at a fraction of his reimbursement.

Some time ago an alleged English gentleman of poetic tendency wrote a poem about us women in which he referred to us as "a rag, a bone, and a bank of hair," and he called us a "vampire." The same gentleman has been curiously silent of late. I have wondered if by any chance, he is thinking of changing the sex of his "vampire." Does he not owe it to us to correct his error of the past and stick the odious name of "Vampire" where it truly belongs, on the employer who is profiteering on the labor of women and girls?

Equal suffrage will correct this evil. Can we afford not to fight for it?

War Bread Bricks
I have given up trying to make war bread. That which I have made could be used only for one purpose and still be true to its title—namely to load machine guns. I believe it would

be much more valuable to the country used as ammunition than as food. Will one of you calorie experts kindly tell me what makes it so strong against molar attacks? I give it up. Besides, I entered the project of baking war-bread for the Lookabout family, with an eye to economy as well as to conservation. It has cost me a pretty penny, not to mention the guilty conscience I have had as I disposed of the results via the garbage can. That was nothing, however. To the scheming I had to keep Pa Lookabout from seeing them. In my own small circle, I have been so long looked upon as fair to middling (I state it mildly) in the culinary line, that I have actually posed, once or twice, as an authority on cooking. Never again, though, as long as I remember my last batch of war biscuits—"war bullets," would be a far better name for them. At the autopsy, attended by two of my near neighbors, it was inferred by one that they baked as long as the coming of the new. So take account of your stock; discard the harmful; make new resolutions, make means of rising on his dead sea. So posing you break them, it is not something to have kept them for a time, even a day?

George Meredith tells us that the light of the light of the human soul burns upward, given the chance. Give your soul its chance—it will do for you, and fail or succeed, you will be a better person for having made the attempt.

Canadian War Hymn
Some of the schools of the city are singing the Canadian war hymn. The sentiment of the hymn applies as well to our country, and the words are worthy of a place in the memory of each of us. It is sung to the air of "America." Two verses follow:

"God save our splendid men For them we pray often. God bless our men! Patient and chivalrous. They are so dear to us God save our men!"

God save our splendid men, Send them the home again—God bless our men! Happy and valorous, Dauntless and generous, Winners of freedom glorious—God save our men!"

Youth's Path to Success
If the editor permits, I would like to use a little space here for a brief notice of a most admirable little book of verse which came to my attention this week. The title is "Youth's Path to Success" and the author, Mr. Edward J. Gallagher, editor of The Sun. In clear and simple verse, it sets forth

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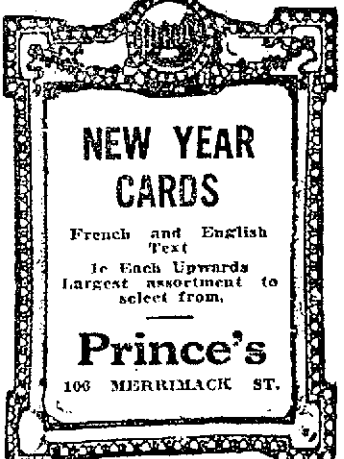
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A glance at the two coiffures pictured here is proof enough of the charm of beauty undisturbed. The upper coiffure shows the hair drawn softly away from the face without puffs or curls, and coiled in a heavy, shining twist at the crown of the head.
The lower picture is the more girlish and shows the hair waved a trifle, drawn low over the ears and fastened in a loose knot at the nape of the neck.

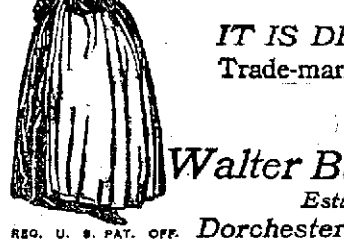
SIMPLE COIFFURES ARE BEAUTIFUL

BY BETTY BROWN
NEW YORK—Woman's crowning glory is once more coming into its own. Unconfined by jeweled pins, elaborate combs, artificial curls, puffs, nets, and other attempts at additional

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READY FOR PLAIN AND FANCY WEATHER

BY BETTY BROWN
NEW YORK—Since the world has adjusted its much-tried credulity to the acceptance of summer furs, why can't it do another mental flip-flop and achieve enthusiasm for winter



parasols as suggested by the diverting young person in the picture? We suspect that this lady is prepared for an uncertain morning in Palm Beach and wears the ermine scarf to ward off chills lurking in the palm shadows, while thoughtfully providing the parasol to prevent sun-stroke when strolling on the beach. The hat of lace and fur and the gown of silver embroidered net are, we confess, a bit disconcerting to a reasonable being but we assume that she wears them just because.

AUTOMOBILE NOTES—TIRE TALK—GASOLINE GOSSIP—GENERAL NEWS OF THE "MACHINE" WORLD

AUTOMOBILE QUESTION BOX

Query.—Would there be any great advantage in connecting the battery and magneto plugs on a — system? The object is to get two sparks in the cylinder instead of one. Would there be any marked increase in power or saving in gas and what would be the objections to this method, if any? I tried it with battery disconnected and it seemed to work all right, but I imagine, if it was any great improvement on the — system for 1913, some one would have found it out before this, and I notice they use a single plug in the 1914 system.

Ans.—Two sparks are often better than one. But whether so or not depends on many things. The position of the spark plugs, the quality of the mixture, the heat of the engine and many such factors enter. In a hot engine with high compression, the mixture is practically at the self ignition point and only needs a spark to add the little start. A second spark would be of little value in such a case. But with a cold engine and a

slow mixture it is an advantage to have a second spark some distance away from the first, so that the mixture may be set on fire at two places at once. You can see this if you experiment with rubbish piles. With easily burned material you get a fire all over almost before you can get it lighted at another place. But if slow burning, it helps much to light it at a second place. Most drivers find so little advantage that they do not care to waste battery on the second spark. Better be sure that your mixture is right.

Query.—Will you kindly answer the following question in your next issue. What is the best oil for a Ford car, that of paraffin base or asphaltic base? Why?

Ans.—Crude oils may be divided into three families. Those of paraffin, asphaltic, and cyclo-naphthene base. There is no sharp line of separation between these groups, since most crude oils found in all fields may contain mixtures in variable percentages of hydro-carbons belonging to two or more families. The refined product must be the answer, as it depends upon the removal of impurities, such as sulphur, oxygen, nitrogen and metallic salts, etc., that we judge the quality of lubricating oil. It would seem best to purchase a good oil from the most reputable dealer in your district.

Query: Kindly advise whether it is practical to run a motor with fan disconnected in cold weather and oblige R. V.

Ans.—It is frequently done in cold weather and usually assists the engine by conserving the heat, thereby increasing its power.

Query: The valve action of my car has become sluggish, the valves sticking, with the result that the motor does not respond quickly or run as well as when new. Kindly advise how I may overcome this trouble. J. C.

Ans.—The defective valve action is due either to carbon lodging in the valve guides or from warping due to heat. If the fault is carbon, the application of a mixture of kerosene and ammonia poured into the engine while the engine is hot will loosen the deposit and improve the condition of the engine, but if the valves have warped it may necessitate the fitting of new valves.

ALL KINDS OF AUTOS AT LOWELL'S BIG SHOW

A thoroughly representative group of the various types of automobiles being built in this country at the present time for pleasure and commercial purposes, is what is promised to all those who attend Lowell's Own Automobile Show which will be staged at the Casino, January 21 to 26, inclusive. In addition to the exhibition of automobiles of the latest open and closed models there will be shown one of the most complete displays of automobile accessories which this city has ever seen.

The truck, through the exigencies of present conditions brought through the heavy draft on horses for army purposes, is now the motorized vehicle which is being given the most attention by the automobile manufacturers of this country. While there are numerous makes of trucks that have served well the variety of purposes which they have had made of them, nevertheless the tests of the time have brought out a variety of weaknesses which are now receiving attention. It was this exposure that brought into being the Liberty motor, the product evolved from the combined minds of the engineering geniuses of this country, the merits of which have been heralded to the four corners of the world. While it will be utterly impossible for the management of the Lowell show to procure a truck or motor car containing one of these

world-famous motors to exhibit at the coming show, there will be other well known motors shown, the standard of which is unquestioned.

The following have been assigned to the six days of the show: Monday, Governor's Day; Tuesday, Soldiers' Day; Wednesday, St. John's Hospital Day; Thursday, Suburban Day; Friday, Society Day, and Saturday, The (?) Night. Tuesday afternoon, pupils of the high school will be admitted free and given an opportunity to obtain facts for the composition that a majority of them are to write and to the winner of which a prize will be given.

There will be no let-up from the opening of the show Monday night until its closing Saturday at 11 p. m. Sufficient vocalists and instrumentalists have been engaged to give an uninterrupted program of music at all sessions. Many novelty acts not heretofore booked for an automobile show and which have merit enough to place them among the leaders in their respective lines have already been contracted for and will positively appear.

PREPARING STREETS TO FACILITATE PASSAGE OF AUTOMOBILES AND MOTOR TRUCKS

"The perfection to which the automobile has been developed to give comfortable and reliable service in winter, will be vividly demonstrated, during the next six months," says a prominent automobile man. "Also the increased demands which will be made on the motor car to speed up activities in every branch of government and business work will put the automobile with a detachable top to the most severe tests."

In this connection, I would suggest that in our important cities, and especially in those sections of the country where cantonments are located and where supplies are transported to shipping points, the different city governments enlarge their street cleaning departments this winter to facilitate the passage of automobiles and motor trucks.

HELPFUL HINTS

Lubricating oils should be free from carbon and have sufficient body to cushion the blows applied to the crankshaft and offer a cylinder wall surface as near frictionless as possible, in order to insure the power and durability of an engine. Good oils will more than repay their cost by reducing repair bills.

To determine the presence of solid impurities in the oil, kerosene should be added to half a glass of oil until the oil is thin. The mixture is then passed through filter paper or ordinary white blotting paper, and after all the oil has passed through the paper it is washed with kerosene; the residue on the paper, if any, will show if the oil has any impurities.

Oil must not reabsorb. To test, pour some oil in a shallow dish and leave in a warm room about a week. There end of that time, another test is made by mixing with the oil fumes of nitric acid; if the oil is pure a thick mass

will form in a few hours; if not it will remain thin.

Acids are very injurious in lubricating oil, since in time they attack the machine parts lubricated. To test for acids, copper oxide or copper ash is added to the oil in a glass vessel. Acid-free oil retains its original color, while if it contains acid it becomes greenish or bluish. Oil containing acid if dropped on a sheet of copper or brass and left for a week will leave a green spot in the metal.

Lubricating oil may be filtered to remove free carbon, which be through containers of Fuller's earth to remove free carbon, which may be at large in it.

Unless precautions are taken in lubricating the timer in cold weather one may experience difficulties. This is due to ordinary lubricating oil being congealed in the housing, thus preventing the roller from coming in to good contact with the segments.

Provided the spark plugs are in good condition, point not too far apart, etc., it frequently happens that there will be irregular firing, brought about by the coil box cover coming loose. The coil units are equipped with brass-strap terminals on the bottom of the wooden casing of the coil, and these terminals make contact with similar straps in the bottom of the coil box on the dash. They depend on the pressure of the cover of the coil box to keep them in good contact.

When a spring of an exhaust valve breaks and it is necessary to run the car to a repair shop, it may be well to go about in this way: Remove the spring from the intake valve of the same cylinder and put it on the exhaust valve, because it is possible to run the motor without a spring on the intake valve, as it then may be operated as a suction valve.

If the spring which holds the rotor, in contact with the segments of the commutator becomes weak it may cause the cylinders to miss fire.

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of an induction coil are too close, the current is likely to arc at the contact points, thus preventing the breaking of the primary circuit, and no induced secondary circuit.

NAVAL SERVICE FOR WOMEN
LONDON, December 29.—The British navy announces the organization of a formal branch of naval service for women, under the title of the "Women's Royal Naval Service." The membership includes women employed on quays connected with the navy, chiefly in dockyards and at naval bases. Members will wear a distinctive uniform of navy blue with brass buttons. The members of the new service have already been nicknamed "Wrens," this being a convenient shortening of the initials W.R.N.S., which they wear on their collars.

One of the wettest spots in the world is in the central part of the little island of Kanna, most northerly of the Hawaiian group. Douglas H. Campbell of Stanford university, California, writes that the average rainfall at the town of Waialeale for five years has been slightly more than 500 inches. Thirteen and a half miles away, at Waimea village, the average annual precipitation is only 20.9 inches. Waimea is only 10 feet above sea level, while Waialeale is 50.75 feet above the sea.

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ENGLISHWOMAN IN THE UNITED STATES TELLS OF WOMEN'S WAR WORK IN ENGLAND

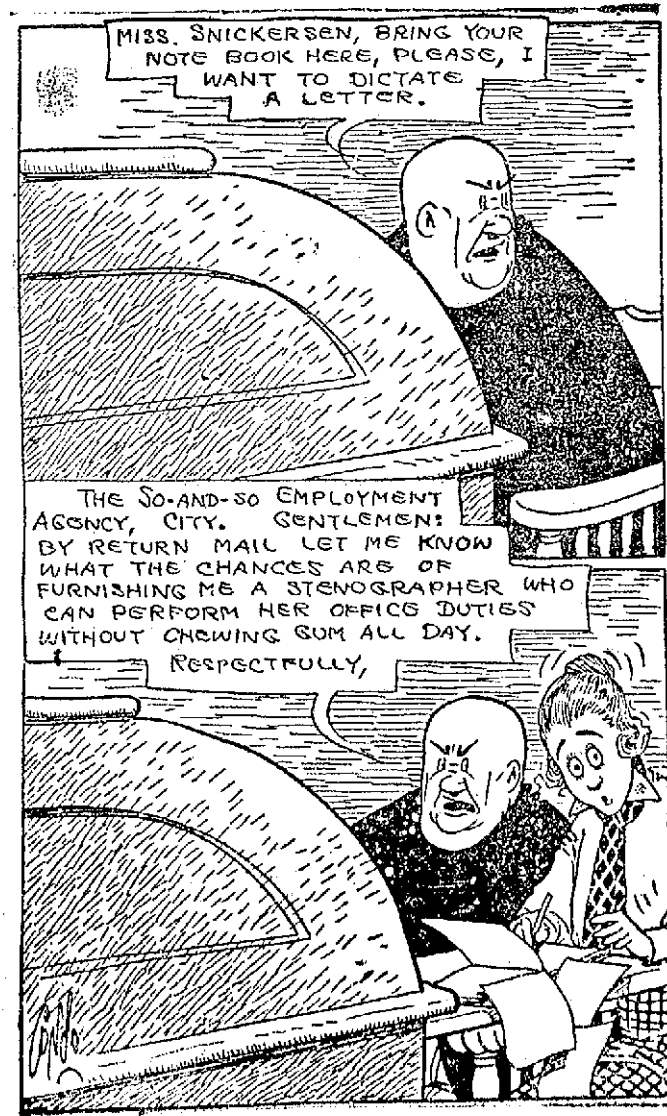
Miss Helen Fraser of London, is in the United States telling the women of this country what their English sisters have accomplished in their war work.

"I think that it is essential that the American and the English women

should know each other and be of service to each other," said Miss Fraser. "The first thing that we can do is to express our very deep sense of gratitude and joy at having the Americans with us in this struggle. We feel that the American women will contribute in no small degree to the final victory."

"The women of England have found that the woman's task in war is not only that of healing, of inspiring, of

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being of great spiritual comfort and help to their men, but also that it is essential in every particular piece of war work, in industry, in munitions, in food production and conservation, in financing the war, in executive work, and even as part of the army organization.

"From our experience, I should advise the women wherever possible to work side by side with the men in the great organizations and in the government and voluntary committees. In labor problems we have found it essential to bring together the representatives of labor, both men and women, and the employers and the government to thresh out the great essential questions of conditions of labor, payment and of the welfare of the workers."

WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF THE BARON?

Has he a mole on his chin or what? Every picture you see of German Foreign Minister von Kuehlmann is one of these "thinker" poses. Kuehlmann has been designated by



BARON VON KUEHLMANN

the Kaiser to talk peace with the Bolsheviks. This Kuehlmann seems hard to figure out. He's a bosom friend of old Wilhelm and yet every once in a while he breaks out in a most democratic sort of interview. Mobby it's all in the game—an out-and-out Kaiser man who talks through the other way to be useful in dickering with persons who have anti-Kaiser ideas, eh what?

tary, and women are on almost every important national board. There are two women co-directors of food control with Lord Rhonda, and a woman, Mrs. H. J. Tennant, serves as director of the Woman's National Service bureau. The war savings committees of the country have more women than men on their local boards, two women serving on the executive central committee.

"We think that it simplifies matters to have but one committee of men and women, serving together wherever possible," said Miss Fraser. "Another method, in which we differ from you is in registering. We have never appealed to women to register en masse, but have asked them to register for specific pieces of work, such as munitions, agriculture, etc. We issue such posters as 'We want 10,000 women for the land,' or 'We want 100,000 women for munitions.' To handle the responses to such calls we have employment exchanges in every town. These local exchanges bring the candidates and transfer them to the department of the government requiring their services."

"We also have a register for professional women which we find invaluable. That register was secured with the assistance of the universities, colleges and high schools. This register has helped the government to find the right women for the right places. The government also has in that task the assistance of a very splendid voluntary organization called the Women's Service bureau, with headquarters in London."

The biggest effort of recent date in England to recruit women in the war has been the Women's Army Auxiliary corps, called by the soldiers "Waaacs." Ten thousand women are being recruited monthly for this service, and their place is behind the fighting lines or near the home military bases. Their duties are comprised in clerical work, telegraphy, telephony, motor driving, store-keeping and even cooking behind the lines. The uniform consists of a khaki colored coat with a high collar, high boots and a soft hat, and the women wear the insignia of the office. This organization is headed by a woman director, with a contract with the government of office. "The English women do not care for military titles," said Miss Fraser. "They believe that military titles distinctly belong to the fighting men of the army and the navy."

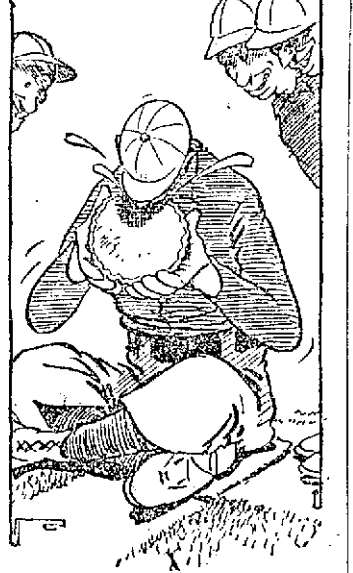
Miss Fraser is a member of the executive committee of the National War Savings committee, and the National Agricultural Committee of England.

According to the recount of the votes cast in the recent municipal election in Gloucester, errors were found in the count of votes of every candidate and in every precinct in the city. The errors varied from two to 61.

BABE RUTH WAS LONGEST HITTER IN BASEBALL LAST SEASON

"A hidden pie," or "the heaving of Babe Waddell," vivifies memory of other days in the early Nineteen hundreds. James Morley, then manager of the Los Angeles baseball club, has signed Waddell for the coming season. Screaming references to the approaching debut of the famous "Rube" in an Angel uniform adorned the country side. Day before the season opened, Morley sent his club to practice against a last collegiate nine. As first baseman, Morley had secured Frank Decker, famous with Pop Anson.

Among the pitchers who worked out



against the amateurs was Waddell. A clever youngster, Bob Fitzwilliams, speeded them over for the run boys. One of Fitz' prize shots caught Waddell about the temple and dropped six feet two or so of gigantic "Rube." Manager Morley contacted everything but a violent fit. He dashed wildly about, finally dousing the fallen "Rube" with a most copious bucket of water. He threw the ball at the frightened amateur who had beamed his eyes. Waddell, when he finally came to was for musing up the chap who had drenched him. The "Rube" never was strong for water.

TRENCH WARFARE HAS NOT DIMINISHED GERMAN CAV-ALRY FORCES

French warfare has not diminished the German cavalry forces as has been generally supposed for information received from the Associated Press shows the total of squadrons in the service to be even higher than it was at the mobilization in 1914. Changes, however, have been introduced in the mounted arm of the service by which some of the squadrons temporarily have been dismounted and utilized as infantry, while the formations have undergone considerable variation.

At present the German army has at its disposal no fewer than 649 squad-

rons of cavalry, comprising active, reserve, mobile ersatz, landwehr and landsturm units, but of these 144 have been separated from their horses and used as infantry. This figure compares with 410 squadrons on a peace footing.

When war began the German cavalry was at once formed into eleven divisions, each composed of six regiments of four squadrons. Besides these, there were also the bodies of divisional cavalry attached to the active and reserve divisions of infantry.

Rumania's entry into the war made more cavalry formations necessary and the number of organized divisions was at once increased to fourteen.

The spring of 1917 saw the end of the Rumanian campaign, and with this came a decrease of the divisional formations to six, while the divisions themselves were reduced from six regiments to four each. At the same time independent brigades of mounted troops were formed, of which the existence of at least five is known, each having three regiments of four squadrons each.

Nearly every infantry division is provided also with a unit of cavalry whose strength varies according to the nature of the country in which the troops are operating.

From among the cavalrymen who, temporarily, are not employed on mounted duty at the front, two or three regiments of riders have been formed, which take their turn in holding trenches with the ordinary infantry formations. Each of these regiments is composed of four squadrons and a squadron of machine gunners.

Besides these other units of cavalrymen selected from the regiments of the active army are from time to time used as infantry, but their exact numbers are not ascertainable.

THIS KNITTER NEVER GETS TIRED AND NEVER DROPS STITCH

This knitter never gets tired—never drops a stitch. (Referring to the machine.) The other knitter in the picture, Miss Elsie Schneider, Cleveland school teacher, does drop stitches and does get tired. That's one reason she got busy and invented this machine. Another reason was to facilitate knitting by the blind. Miss Schneider's machine has been approved by the Red Cross. Many Cleveland women who are knitting for the Sammlers are using it. Miss Schneider has patents on two other knitting machines, one of which knits a complete sock.

THE SPELLBINDER

The present city government holds over for one week for the inauguration will not take place until one week from next Monday. The monthly bills for December were approved today for the fiscal year has been closed. Most of the departments came within their appropriations. Some were slightly over while the charity department, as was expected, went some \$4000 or \$7000 over its appropriation which sounds big at first notice but not to be wondered at when the circumstances are taken into consideration. It is supposed to be a criminal offense, according to the charter, for a commissioner knowingly to overrun his appropriations but as a grand jury once refused to consider such a proposition, overrunning an appropriation has become only a subject of newspaper criticism.

But in the case of the charity department there's a reason; in fact several of them; and sound. Incidentally there is a section of the charter that excuses a commissioner for overrunning his appropriations if he can show that the health and safety necessitate it, as was clearly the case with the charity department this year. But the position of the charity department should not be dismissed with that excuse, for it needs no excuse under existing conditions.

In the first place Supt. Martin Conley is deserving of much credit for his management of his department this year. He has been up against a trying proposition and has done well and any attempt to make his department out of the fact that his appropriation is exhausted and overrun is decidedly unfair to a faithful and palustrious official. Of course the criticism is not directed at Mr. Conley, but at the mayor, but Mr. Conley has had complete control of his own department and has done well. While Mayor O'Donnell and Supt. Conley had not been friendly politically in the past, that fact never deterred the superintendent from putting forth his best efforts to conduct his department successfully and for the best interests of all concerned. His honor had complete confidence in Supt. Conley this year and the latter surely justified it. At the beginning of the year the mayor relied entirely upon Supt. Conley's judgment as to estimates for the amount of money needed to run the charity department and the superintendent submitted his estimates and explained why he needed the increased amounts. He didn't get them because the majority of the municipal council was at loggerheads with the mayor and appropriations for the mayor's departments were withheld way down.

In the case of the appropriation for dependent mothers which has taken enormous strides in this city in the past few years the sum of \$40,000 was allowed although Supt. Conley wanted more money. The superintendent managed to get by with a deficit of less than \$700, although he thought that it would be several times that amount. The city of Lowell has 128 cases of dependent mothers on its payroll at the present time, being a big increase over the year. The second largest number in the state, Boston being first. Fall River, Lawrence and Worcester spent about \$20,000 each annually for dependent mothers. While the city of Lowell has spent something like \$40,700 this year for dependent mothers, the average per capita for the city is \$28 per mother, which is comparatively small when one considers that each dependent mother has at least one or two children while many have six and seven.

There is just one city in this commonwealth that has more inmates in its charity department hospitals and that is Boston which with a population eight times greater than that of Lowell has only twice as many inmates as has Lowell. The following list of the greatest number of inmates in the city at various times of this kind at one time, taken from the last report of the state board of charities, is interesting:

A QUARTER CENTURY AGO

The sudden death of Edward Dalton, the well known and popular veteran of the Boston & Maine passenger service removes an old and well-loved resident. Lowellians of two generations who have ridden back and forth from Boston will learn of his death with sincere sorrow for his kindly and courteous manner and his devotedness to his work. He was in Belvidere where he was employed many years for he was an exemplary neighbor, but he will be particularly missed by the members of his family to whom he was devoted. For nearly half a century he had followed a modest run between Boston and Lowell, turning down offer upon offer of advancement simply because his Boston run permitted him to be at his home at meal times and at a time in the evening and he valued more the company of his loved ones than advancement and increased salary. He had been employed since boyhood by the Boston & Maine and in a short time would have rounded out half a century of faithful service, and many and interesting were his stories of the early days of the railroad. He was probably the oldest conductor on the system in northern New England and sure none was better known or more highly esteemed. His family have the deep sympathy of a host of friends.

Y.M.C.I. Election

The popular Belvidere society was just emerging from its infancy quarter of a century ago and its election of officers at that time, at which the Australian ballot was used, resulted as follows:

President, Thomas F. Quinn; vice president, Daniel J. O'Brien; secretary, James P. McLaughlin; financial secretary, John J. Carroll; treasurer, Rev. Fr. Darcy, O.M.I.; trustees, Hugh Parley, John Hourihan, Jeremiah Leary; board of examiners, James Burns, George Clark, Michael Flanagan; literary committee, Simon Cavanaugh; Joseph Cox, Henry O'Brien, Timothy Tully; marshal, John Buckley. Remarks were made by Rev. Fr. Darcy, John J. Sullivan and John Dewar.

Well Known Firm Started

On Jan. 1 quarter of a century ago the well known plumbing firm of Drury & Green, now John E. Drury & Son, started on a successful career. Mr. Drury had formerly been with T. Castello & Co., while Mr. Green, now deceased, was with Farrell & Conant.

Common Council Entertained

The old common council of quarter

any similar institutions in the other cities with the exception of Boston.

The Charity Department

Lowell has the largest number of inmates in its hospital proportionately with its population and also has one of the largest out-door charity departments in the state, and yet the Lowell charity department is administered cheaper proportionately than any other. Nearly all of the other cities if not all have a superintendent of out-door relief and a superintendent and matron of the almshouse. In Lowell Supt. Conley does the work of both. Worcester, a much larger city than Lowell has a head clerk and seven assistants in its charity office in addition to a superintendent of almshouse and a staff of assistants. Supt. Conley has one clerk at the almshouse and three in the charity office.

The city store, so-called, conducted by the charity department, from which the supplies are sent to the poor of the city through the outdoor relief doesn't cost the city one dollar. Inmates and the employees of the almshouse do the work in connection with the outdoor relief. In Lawrence not near as large, there are six clerks in the city store. Since the appropriations were made last spring the price of coal, food, cloth, rice, etc. has increased greatly while the state has increased private hospitals and sanatoria and the orphanages and the charity department have increased their weekly rates for board, lodging and attendance, and all of these increases have to be met out of an appropriation which at the beginning was under the superintendent's estimate.

Yet the charity department finished out the year slightly over \$6000 and the amount allowed it, and was adversely criticized, while other departments with money left over have been purchasing supplies for next year, on the other hand, the charity department is expected to have money left over should properly have been transferred to departments that are in the hole financially.

A Busy Place

Speaking of appropriations, city hall has been a busy place this year and as a result City Messenger Monahan finds his head off all the end of the year. There have been public safety meetings, preparedness meetings, food conservation meetings, board, the law enforcement board and a host of other things brought about by the war all of which have increased the city messenger to burn extra coal and electricity and use extra stationery and extra telephone toll calls beside doing a great amount of personal work which he has to do. He has done it for the fact that he is one of the most accommodating men that will be met in a day's journey. No man living could have foreseen at the beginning of the year the expense of running city hall this year. Unforeseen exigencies were forever arising, and the city messenger was equal to all of them. It was a busy year for the messenger. And speaking of meetings at city hall the mayor's reception room yesterday afternoon was filled with Lowell school teachers who although supposed to be enjoying their Christmas holidays were hard at work gratuitously assisting the exemption board—doing their bit for the considerable work that the exemption boards since the latter started upon their arduous job.

A Swindler Abroad

If a man should call at your house and tell you that the mayor had sent him to examine you as regards the state of your health, simply ask him to be seated while you call the police. It seems a swindler has been operating in the Hebrew colony telling the residents that he represented the mayor and was sent to examine the health of the members of the colony and concluding by making a demand for money from them, with varying success. One person claimed that he got \$60 from a woman. The police are looking for him.

THE SPELLBINDER.

A QUARTER CENTURY AGO

of a century ago closed the year with a banquet at Page's tendered the first of the year. The old Sun says that Councilman Benson spoke on streets, Councilman O'Neil on the fire department, Councilman Brunette on red manuals and Councilman Sullivan on everything. The hit of the evening was a speech by Sidney Fleet of the Citizen.

Two Were Working

Quarter of a century ago today, according to the old Sun, two men were at work at the Collinsville mills, fixing shafting while the rest of the help were locked out. Today everybody is working and many of them overtime.

Leap Year Party

Quarter of a century ago was Leap Year and the young ladies of the Highland district came in under the wire with a delightful leap year party in Highland hall on the last evening of the year. The matrons were Mrs. C. E. Carter, Mrs. S. K. Dexter, Mrs. O. E. Ranlett and Mrs. C. J. Bowers. The out-of-town guests were Mrs. Dean of Boston, Mr. Farns and Mr. Williams of Boston, Mr. Cummings of Attleboro and Mr. Taylor of Hudson. Dancing was enjoyed and the Page company catered. The floor was in charge of Miss Juliet Carter, Cora Buckland, Maud Butler, Maud Bowers, Daisy Dexter and Ethel Livingston.

THE OLD TIMER.

SEEN AND HEARD

An electric car is a pretty cold proposition these days.

Probably nothing disappoints a woman so much as when her worst suspicions fail to come out correctly.

One could forgive a husband for going out to his club, occasionally, evenings, but it's that defiant "Curfew shall not ring tonight" air with which he makes his exit that gets on a wife's nerves.

Sad Awakening

The foreman of a construction gang was walking along his section of the "rail" one day when he came upon a laborer fast asleep in the shade of a fence. Being the man with a stern smile, he said:

"Shame on ye idle scoundrel, sleep on when ye wake up ye're out of work!"—Youth's Companion.

No Use Arguing

"You promised me you would be home by 10 o'clock sharp. It is now 3 o'clock in the morning. What have you to say for yourself?"

"A great deal, my dear; a great deal."

MARVELLOUS FRUIT JUICE MEDICINE

"Fruit-a-tives" Is Made From The Juices Of Apples, Oranges, Figs And Prunes; With Tonics.

WONDERFUL RECORD OF A WONDERFUL REMEDY

Thousands Of Sufferers In England And Canada Over Their Recovery To "Fruit-a-tives".

"Fruit-a-tives" is now made in the United States. This will be welcome news to thousands of people who have been sending to Canada for their supply of these famous tablets, which are made from the juices of apples, oranges, figs and prunes.

So great has been the demand for "Fruit-a-tives" from all parts of the United States, that the proprietors deemed it wise to establish a branch right in this country.

Offices and fruit tablet works are in active operation at Ogdensburg, New York from which point druggists and general stores are being supplied.

"FRUIT-A-TIVES" is the only medicine in the world made from fruit juices. An English physician in Ottawa discovered a process whereby fruit juices may be combined in such a way that the natural medicinal properties of fruits are many times increased.

"Fruit-a-tives" has many times proved its value in cases of Stomach, Liver and Kidney Trouble—in Rheumatism, Headaches, and Neuralgia—in Dyspepsia and Constipation—in Nervousness, general weakness and Skin Diseases.

"Fruit-a-tives" is sold by dealers at 50c. per box, 6 for \$2.50, trial size, 25c. or sent postpaid on receipt of price by Fruit-a-tives Limited, Ogdensburg, New York.

But I can see by the expression on your face that you are not open to conviction, so I will excuse me, my dear Pili, I toddle along to bed."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Zero in Camp

We're drilling at Camp Umpty-ump with mittens on our toes. And icicles to decorate. Each purple tinted nose. The cartridges are all congealed in snowy blasted gun. And sentries at still soldier stand. Fast frozen in the sun.

But not a kick is coming from that man in uniform. One thought is hugged to every breast. And keeps us good and warm. While mercury freezes in the tube. And blinding blizzards fly. It be proud, in the presence of the Kaiser by and by.

—Munna Irving in N. Y. Sun.

The Some-Body Song
O, de breezes come and de breezes go
Singin' dat some-day song.
When de world seems goin' wrong.
'Tis when de world seems goin' wrong.
'Tis when de world seems goin' wrong.
'Tis when de world seems goin' wrong.
'Tis when de world seems goin' wrong.

Not a word, but jes' 'bout right!—
Dat's what de north wind said last night.
Singin' dat some-day song.

O, de seasons come an' de seasons go.
Singin' dat some-day song.
In August what you likes is snow.
And you wants it good and strong.
Tob why he never exclaims, "It's cold."
But de future holds out hope an' cheer.
An' we goes on happy fum year to year.
Singin' dat some-day song.

—Washington Star.

City Management
A city is a great corporation. It demands for its proper management the most skilled labor of able men. When democracy becomes wise it will have training schools to increase its man power and we shall select from among them, as we do now for our school superintendents. At present the best talent of the most skillful manipulator of men has the advantage. And the city suffer and the people's money is wasted in consequence. Quoting foreign cities is not popular just now. But we shall leave it to them for lessons sometime. For the reason, as Lord Bryce said, that the great American failure is in the government of our cities. We can hardly be proud in the presence of Europe, of the spectacle we present in this regard.—Newburyport News.

Can't Trouble This Man
It long has been recognized that men who work in hazardous surroundings become so accustomed to danger that the terror of it increases through carelessness or indifference to it. All of which may account for the conduct of James Pfleger, who was arrested in the court of domestic relations in New York for the first time charged with doing nothing at all regarding his career or rent.

"This man," said the lawyer for

Try Making Your Own Cough Remedy
You can save about \$2, and have a better remedy than the ready-made kind. Easily done.

If you combined the curative properties of every known "ready-made" cough remedy, you would hardly have in them all the curative power that lies in this simple "home-made" cough syrup which takes only a few minutes to prepare.

Get from any druggist 2½ ounces of Pinex (40 cents worth), pour it into a pint bottle and fill the bottle with plain purified sugar syrup. The total cost is about 65 cents and gives you a full pint of really better cough syrup than you could buy ready-made for \$2.50. Tastes pleasant and never oppresses.

This Pinex and sugar syrup preparation gets right at the cause of the cough and gives almost immediate relief. It loosens the phlegm, stops the nasty throat tickle and heals the sore, irritated membranes that line the throat, chest and bronchial tubes, so gently and easily that it is really astonishing.

A day's use will usually overcome the ordinary cough and for bronchitis, croup, whooping cough and bronchial asthma, it is nothing better.

Pinex is a most valuable concentrated compound of genuine Norway pine extract, and has been used for generations to break up severe coughs.

To avoid disappointment, be sure to ask your druggist for "2½ ounces of Pinex" with full directions, and don't accept anything else. A guarantee of absolute satisfaction or money promptly refunded, goes with this preparation. The Pinex Co., 76 Wayne, Ind.

Mrs. Pfleger, "has repeatedly promised in this court to do what is right by her family. It has sworn that she would do what work and would even drink and time and again has shown his utter indifference to the orders of the court. Mr. Pfleger, when did you work last?"

All eyes were turned upon Mr. Pfleger in the witness chair.

Mr. Pfleger was fast asleep.

Two Men We Know
There are two Bay State men who are doing such good work in their present jobs that the officials of the home office who have had an opportunity to watch them grade them at 100 per cent.

Their spirit is right. They are right on their jobs all the time. In their present positions they are invaluable.

But here is the important thing—it is hard to find positions higher up the line for them, not because they do not deserve promotion, not because the officials do not want to promote them, but because they lack the education necessary for them to handle the higher positions.

There are places in this company for men who attend night schools, who take university extension courses, who make wise use of the training given by correspondence schools.

Are you, for instance, being held back because you cannot write a letter without misspelling words? Are you being kept in your present job because you lack the broader education which a winter's attendance at a night school would give you?

Time invested in getting an education will be paid you later in the form of higher wages.—Bay State Triangle Talks.

That the Lowell polo team is rather "there."

That the sugar relief is slow in coming.

That within a few years Canada will be bone dry.

That on and after next Tuesday it will be "1918."

That there were weddings galore on Christmas day.

That the service flags are continuing to multiply.

That Christmas was observed very quietly in Lowell.

That coasting is good in some sections of the city.

That the school children enjoyed their Christmas vacation.

That lots of people take offense when there is none in sight.

That the Red Cross campaign was a lively one while it lasted.

That all that glitters is not gold—not even a slippery sidewalk.

That the turkeys were not very inviting either in taste or price.

That the life work of some men seems to be criticizing others.

That the merchants did not complain of this year's Christmas business.

That a man is apt to be suspicious if his wife isn't jealous of him.

That there has been a great deal of smoking in Lowell since Tuesday.

That a cycle is a man who must be unhappy in order to appear happy.

That Corp. Donovan is having some interesting experiences "over there."

That the less a woman has to complain about the more she complains.

That it isn't what your grandfather was but what you are that counts.

That old and new claims galore are being settled by the municipal council.

That the howling enthusiasts are approaching the height of their season.

That the final meeting of the Red Cross campaign workers was a lively one.

That the police officials are not letting up any in their raiding activities.

That now is the season for all good housekeepers to hunt up the bargain sales.

That there was something doing at the stock exchange Thursday afternoon.

That Red Cross signs are much in evidence in the Pawtucketville district.

That a pocket stove would be a handy thing in electric cars these days.

That the Boy Scouts did their usual good work in the Red Cross campaign.

That many prefer walking to riding on the electric in order to keep warm.

That "Lowell's own" company was certainly in the limelight Wednesday evening.

That it will cost the city over \$50,000 to install voting machines in every ward.

That one of the things to worry about is that April Fool's day is approaching.

That fishing through the ice is reported as being excellent, but the fish are small.

That the services in the various churches on Christmas day were as inspiring as ever.

That the new year will be ushered in in great style at Club Lafayette Tuesday morning.

That the "exchange editor" in the department store is having his share of troubles this week.

That the soldiers were not as numerous in Lowell on Christmas day as on Thanksgiving.

That many a man who claims to be truthful spends a lot of time echoing the lies of other men.

That the Red Cross service has formed a pretty part of the Christmas decorations in many windows.

That Lowell has certainly contributed her share of money towards defraying the expenses of the war.

That there are many candidates for the position of registrar of voters. The election will be held in April.

That the Greenhalge Debating society is making preparations for several debates with out of town schools.

That the residents of the suburban towns are getting ready for their annual town meetings to be held in February.

That a succession of cold waves, snow storms and slushy walking will soon remind us that winter is here in earnest.

That the curtailed railroad service is not making a hit with people who are accustomed to be out late in the evening.

That the ladies of the Knights of Columbus Knitting guild are to be congratulated upon their success of last evening.

That the Knights of Columbus did not get as many soldiers for their Christmas tree celebration as they originally expected.

That the local recruiting officers for the army and navy are ready at all

times to explain the details of any branch of the service to prospective recruits.

That sophistication is that state of knowledge which a man attains when he is able to tell just what time the next electric car will leave for his section of the city.

That the high school students will be a busy lot when they get back to school, with the officers' ball, the school play, the season and innumerable other activities approaching.

REPORT OF BIRTHS

Dec. 4—To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Becker of 2 Sutherland st., a daughter.

6—To Mr. and Mrs. Napoleon Chalfoux, of 143 Aiken st., a son.

6—To Mr. and Mrs. Vaughan E. Doucette of 64 Stevens st., a son and a daughter (twins).

8—To Mr. and Mrs. Michael Filistowicz of 154 Middlesex street, a daughter.

10—To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Carr of 12 Blenheim st., a son.

11—To Mr. and Mrs. Alfred J. Giguere, of 777 Merrimack st., a son.

12—To Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Jaskier of 31 E. Pine st., a son.

13—To Mr. and Mrs. Forrest E. Luce of 150 Coburn st., a son.

15—To Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McGowan of 377 Newbury st., a daughter.

16—To Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Martin of 29 Grand st., a daughter.

16—To Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Giguere of 543 Moody st., a daughter.

17—To Mr. and Mrs. Chester Ward of 25 Rockingham street, a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Victor Gagne of 18 Perkins st., a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Thibault of 21 Hillside st., a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Fortier of 18 Oxford st., a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Marren of 8 Broadway, a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Marson of 185 Perkins st., a son.

19—To Mr. and Mrs. Ira E. Shaw of 20 Nelson st., a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Martin of 337 Lincoln st., a son.

20—To Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Dunham of 87 Chestnut st., a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chenevert of 5 Dalton st., a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bernstein of 21 Stevens st., a son.

21—To Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Burke of 133 Willie st., a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. William Niland of 52 First st., a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Edward P. Shannon of 244 Fletcher st., a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. John W. Anderson of 1525 Gorham st., a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Napoleon Forget of 278 Allen st., a daughter.

22—To Mr. and Mrs. George H. Jones of 7 Walker place, a son.

23—To Mr. and Mrs. Emilio Martins of 400 Market st., a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Simeon Gill of 52 Ward st., a son.

25—To Mr. and Mrs. George Dyer of 50 Liberty st., a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. George A. Polys of 327 Hildreth st., a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Dean of 243 W. Meadow road, a daughter.

26—To Mr. and Mrs. William Duchesne of 39 Stanley st., a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Augustinus Antonopoulos of 5 Coolidge st., a son.

27—To Mr. and Mrs. Napoleon Boisvert of 19 Pawtucket st., a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Tremblay of 211 White st., a son.

28—To Mr. and Mrs. William D. French of 1000 Main st., a son.

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LIGHT BREAKING ON GERMANY

Judging from extracts from the German press just made public, it seems the newspapers are much bolder than formerly. One recently published a sermon by a clergyman criticizing the aristocracy for piling new burdens upon the people and then establishing missions to induce them to bear the extortions with Christian patience. The government is criticized for permitting such conditions. The aristocracy is reminded of the French revolution and the retribution that may come to them in equally swift and terrible form.

In another paper a prominent writer encourages the gospel of hatred in the following terms:

"Let us be wise. Let us pray daily to the Deity of Wrath, let us turn theory into practice, let us inspire the whole of our people with virile hatred of the enemy, so that every man, every woman, every lisping school child shall burn with ardor to do something directly or indirectly to demonstrate what hatred really can be if it be made truly national."

Nothing has been so wanting in the history of the German nation as the demon of vindictiveness. Nothing could be more essential today than the cultivation of such a spirit. Germany has nothing more to hope for from gentleness. Let us, then, show the willing disciples of the genius of wrath."

There is no need of such a gospel in Germany as the "Hymn of Hate" is now the national anthem and the favorite prayers, "God Strafe England," "God Strafe America."

At least one newspaper has dared even to comment upon President Wilson's declaration that "there can be no terms with the Hohenzollerns." It presents an address to the Kaiser in favor of his retirement in the form of a dream.

It is changed times in Germany when any newspaper would print words like these addressed to the Kaiser in openly advocating his abdication.

"The step which we humbly recommend to your majesty need be nothing more than an act of opportunism, calculated more than anything else to allay the mistrust that prevails among our enemies—the mistrust which alone delays the conclusion of that peace for which every one of your majesty's subjects is thirsting."

Certainly this would have been punished as a rank piece of lese majeste in the recent past, but at present it probably voices the enlightened sentiments of the German people in regard to the Kaiser's responsibility for prolonging the disastrous war.

Indeed it is already well understood that the allies would gladly enter into negotiations with the German people for a generous peace if the Kaiser and his clan were removed from the throne of Germany.

The Kaiser may see the handwriting on the wall in giving out his overtures for peace which, however, are not likely to be considered by the allies.

GERMAN PEACE OVERTURES

So vague and indefinite are the peace terms put forward by Germany that they will not be considered by the entire allies except to be summarily rejected. The Bolsheviks have secured ten days' recess in which to bring the peace offer officially to the attention of each of Russia's allies. Germany wants a general peace but failing in that she will put the screws on Russia. The only hope of Russia at the present hour lies in the patriotism and intelligence of the Ukrainians and the Cossacks in the southwestern portion of Russia, the most fertile part of the entire country. These peoples have no faith in the ability or the honesty of the Bolsheviks and regard them as playing into the hands of the enemy at every point. The Ukrainians are determined to defend their own frontier regardless of any action the Bolsheviks may take. They control a considerable portion of the railroads and the coal supply together with a portion of the Black Sea fleet so that they are in a position to defy the marauders at Petrograd. The Bolsheviks may be overthrown before it has time to consummate its betrayal of the nation to Germany.

JAPAN MUST BE PAID

Japan is reminding Trotsky that if her loans to Russia be repudiated, she may adopt a practical method of collecting the debts.

Japan has loaned the allies over half a billion dollars, the greater part of which has gone in ammunition and supplies to Russia, and she now notifies the Bolsheviks that, if her loans are endangered by the present treachery, she'll take compensation in the shape of Russian real estate.

One thing the Bolsheviks have neglected to promise is the guaranty of loans to Russia. But how can a government that's living largely on a promise to promiscuously divide the land with a tape measure offer its real estate as security?

We've got something like four hundred millions invested in Russia. The Japs aren't very busy with fighting, and maybe they'll kindly give us an object lesson on how to collect.

BRITISH DECIMAL CURRENCY

The close relations into which the United States and England are drawn by the war are likely to lead to the adoption of the decimal system of currency. The only coins that would have to be dropped would be the crown, half crown and three penny piece. The sovereign would still be the unit and would be equal to 1000 mills, half

sovereign 500 mills, a florin one-tenth of a pound, a half florin or shilling one twentieth of a pound or 50 mills, and half a shilling or what is now sixpence would be equal to 25 mills. The change would require a revision of the school arithmetics, but it would greatly facilitate the financial accounts and the computations in mercantile transactions. It is a change that should be made although the government can well afford to postpone action on the matter until after the war.

THE SUGAR PROBLEM

The sugar problem is so simple that no investigation is necessary to explain the shortage.

During the year, we sent to Europe five times as much sugar as ever before. It was a war necessity.

A shortage was thus produced in this country, but we did not have to pay shortage prices.

Cutting down our sugar ration did not hurt us.

The people know these things, and they don't care much to know more about sugar. What they want is to get a little more than they have been getting for the past few months. They do not believe the supply should be sent abroad to an extent that will deprive a large portion of our population of any sugar. The lack of sugar is one cause of illness and even death among children under two years old.

OBJECT TO MOTOR TAX

The autoists of the state are up in arms against the proposed state tax of \$5 on every motor vehicle for the state and to increase the fee for operating from \$2 to \$5. At present the auto owners pay a personal property tax on their cars, another tax for registration, and a third as a government war tax. These taxes it is claimed should be sufficient without adding any other, particularly if the latter is not necessary as a war measure. The auto men are paying high war taxes but object to be made to bear more than their share of the necessary tax burdens.

ATROCITIES IN SERBIA

In a book just published by Prof. Reiss of Lussauze university, evidence is given to show that poor little Serbia has suffered from atrocities quite as barbarous as those perpetrated by the Germans in Belgium. Serbia, unlike Belgium, was unable to make her sufferings known to the outer world. They are now coming to light through the personal investigations of Prof. Reiss.

THE WOMEN SPIES

The woman spy is proving a successful worker for Germany where her men fall. They are here, in England, in France, in Russia, in Roumania and wherever they can get information of use to the Kaiser in this war. They are operating in India, in Ireland, in Mexico and in Canada. The wonder is where Germany gets her fighting forces with such an army of spies operating all over the world.

Possibly Mayor-elect Thompson realized from certain experiences of the private secretary to Mayor O'Donnell, that it is necessary to have a secretary who will have sufficient pugnacity to repel any threats of bodily harm from commissioners or others. Besides, the fact that a fighting secretary is in the background may prevent certain officials from carrying out their intention of putting things "all over" the new mayor. If anything of this kind be attempted, it will only be necessary to call in "J. Joseph."

The United States cavalry did a good job when they followed and killed ten Mexican raiders on the Texan border. These raiders are said to be outlaws in Mexico, refusing to recognize government authority and subsisting upon plunder. They are in desperate straits when they risk a raid on the American side of the border.

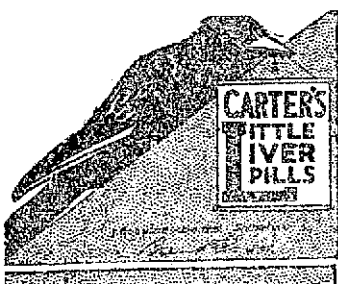
The I.W.W. of this country and the German agitators of Ireland are said to be co-operating with the Bolsheviks for a widespread revolution to overthrow existing governments and bring about a reign of anarchy. That is the avowed purpose of the I.W.W. which is likely to be wiped out of this republic after the war.

LOWELL'S FIRE LOSSES FOR AMERICA'S YEAR IN THE GREAT WORLD WAR

THE LAST 37 YEARS

Following is a list of the more destructive fires that occurred in this city since 1880:

Oct. 6, '80, Chase mills.
Aug. 5, '82, Centralville bridge.
Dec. 15, '83, Harris mills.
March 29, '83, Coburn Shuttle shop.
Dec. 31, '88, Worthen Street Baptist church.
July 17, '89, Lowell Horse Railway barn.
April 5, '91, Edison block.
July 25, Aug. 22 and Sept. 11, '91, Davis & Sargent lumber yard.
Nov. 2, '91, Bartlett & Dow.
Jan. 10, '93, Coburn Shuttle Co.
Aug. 2, '93, Standard Worsted Co.
Sept. 11, '93, Stevens' barn.
Sept. 30, '93, Trydner's stable.
Feb. 25, '94, Mathews' mill.
July 20, '94, White's tannery.
Sept. 18, '94, Ludlam residence.
Nov. 16, '94, Crowley building.
June 6, '95, Bartlett & Dow.
Feb. 18, '96, Paulkner residence.
Feb. 26, '95, W. H. I. Hayes' cigar factory.
Aug. 26, '95, Tremont & Suffolk cotton storehouse.
Nov. 20, '96, Parker block.
April 13, '96, Chamber box shop.
April 10, '96, St. Lawrence hotel stable.
June 13, '96, Bagley foundry.
Aug. 18, '96, Paulkner residence.
Nov. 15, '97, Irvin block.
Dec. 14, '97, Huntington hall (first fire).
Feb. 1, '98, H. R. Barker building.
Sept. 21, '98, Moxie Nerve Food plant.
Feb. 1, '99, Martin block.
Feb. 8, '99, Suffolk hall.
May 8, '99, Harvard brewery.
May 6, '01, Fiffeld Tool shop.
June 30, '01, Rugg building.
Jan. 6, '02, Harrigan mill.
Nov. 14, '02, Critchton factory.
Feb. 27, '03, Burbank block.
July 13, '03, Merrimack Coal pocket.
July 29, '02, U. S. Cartridge Co. Magazine at Riverside, now in Lowell.
Dec. 6, '03, Davis & Sargent.
Jan. 9, '04, Old Odd Fellows Building.
Jan. 11, '04, St. Patrick's church.
Jan. 12, '04, Fellows, Boscawen and Albin blocks.
Nov. 6, '04, Huntington hall, second fire.
Mar. 3, '04, Davis & Sargent box shop.
July 17, '04, Brillelille residence.
Aug. 2, '04, White dwelling.
Aug. 18, '04, Otis Allen box shop.
Aug. 23, '04, Moxie Nerve Food plant.
Sept. 30, '04, Waterhead mill.
Nov. 8, '04, Huntington hall.
Nov. 24, '04, Greenwood Bros' building.
Oct. 8, '05, Bartlett's hall.
Nov. 11, '05, Carruthers mills.
Nov. 15, '05, Caswell garage.
Dec. 5, '05, Doherty's foundry.
Jan. 27, '06, Richardson hotel.
May 5, '06, three buildings destroyed in Acton st.
June 20, '06, Walter Coburn waste mill.
Oct. 18, '06, Robinson Bros' foundry.
Jan. 23, '07, Card Clothing building.
Feb. 17, '07, Martin block, Front st.
March 5, '07, Howe building.
April 14, '07, Jeremiah Clark store house.
May 24, '07, U. S. Bunting Co.
June 15, '07, Adams paint shop.
June 22, '07, Rollaway.
July 3, '07, P. J. Ritley shop.
Aug. 3, '07, Hoyt & Sheild building.
Aug. 15, '07, Bagley foundry.
Aug. 30, '07, eight buildings in St. James st.
Oct. 3, '07, U. S. Bunting Co.
Oct. 31, '07, Scannell Boiler works.
Jan. 27, '08, garage on Appleton st.
Feb. 7, '08, Gibbidge's Dry Goods store.
Feb. 10, '08, Appleton corporation.
Jackson st.
March 15, '08, N. Y. N. H. & H. railroad building in Howard st., occupied by the Walter Coburn Co.
March 19, '08, George Fiffeld machine shop.
July 21, '08, Lowell Insulated Wire Co.
Tanner st., occupied by Walter Coburn Co.
Oct. 24, '08, J. Munsen's block, Middlesex st.
Jan. 25, '09, Mrs. B. M. Gillard block, Merrimack st.
May 15, '09, A. C. Stern Shoe Co.
June 25, '09, Davis & Sargent Lumber.
Sept. 14, '09, beam house of American Hide and Leather Co., Howe st.
Sept. 18, '09, Lehigh Electric Co.
Nov. 18, '09, Davis & Sargent Lumber Co.
Dec. 30, '10, L. C. Gerrish block, Central st.
Dec. 30, '10, A. G. Pollard block, Middlesex st.
Feb. 9, '11, Massachusetts Corporation storehouse.
June 21, '11, P. J. Ritley's, Tanner st.
Aug. 1, '11, Mrs. A. B. Courtney's dwelling.
Sept. 13, '11, F. P. Cheney's box shop.
Feb. 20, '12, Otis Allen & Son box shop.
March 27, '12, C. B. Coburn Co.
May 12, '12, J. C. Manasse's store, Merrimack street.
June 22, '12, Friend Bros' bakery.
June 23, '12, C. S. Dodge machine shop, Fayer st.
Aug. 16, '12, W. L. Parker Co., bobbin shop.
Nov. 2, '12, Lithuanian Catholic church, Rogers st.
Nov. 12, '12, Lowell Baseball club block, Rogers st.
Nov. 21, '12, St. Jean Baptiste church, Merrimack st.
Dec. 20, '12, Lavery's bakery.
Feb. 1, '13, Wright & Gerrish building and W. B. Spaulding estate, Central st.
April 16, '13, Dodge Machine shop, Payne st.
April 20, '13, Doherty Bros' foundry.
June 23, '13, Adams Hardware Co., 404 Middlesex st.
Aug. 27, '13, Harvard Brewery, off Plain st.
Nov. 5, '13, John Bennett Machine Co.
Dec. 5, '13, Lavery's bakery.
Dec. 17, '13, Merrimack street building owned by E. A. and M. N. Simpson.
Feb. 1, '14, destruction of John Keating's house.
March 7, '14, Smith Shoe store, Middlesex st.
May 15, '14, Pratt & Forrest lumber.
May 23, '14, Woolworth's Five and Ten Cent store.
Aug. 3, '14, J. K. Fellows' estate.
Aug. 15, '14, William R. Livingston.
Sept. 4, '14, Spaulding park grandstand.
Sept. 9, '14, J. K. Fellows' estate.
Dec. 26, '14, J. P. Quinn.
March 1, '15, Memorial hall.
June 19, '15, Suffolk hall.
June 18, '15, Chase Waste Paper Co.
Jan. 29, '16, Grosvenor block.
Jan. 29, '16, Middlesex Co.
Feb. 10, '16, John Brady's barn.
March 7, '16, John Gregory Co.
April 2, '16, Sisk block.
April 8, '16, Nelson Five and Ten Cent store.
June 11, '16, T. E. Chase & Son.
Dec. 1, '16, Keefe estate, Broadway.

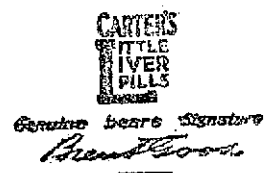


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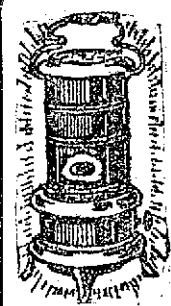


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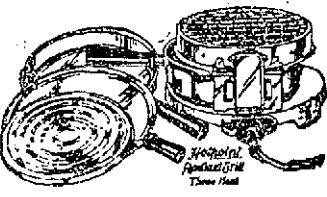
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ing the first American troops received in London by their majesties, the king and queen. As I passed they stood within 20 feet of me. They looked pleased and happy to see us. We then had lunch and went back to the barracks. It was something that all of us will remember.

Our life since leaving home has been a wonderful experience. The roar of battle is now a common noise as we have become accustomed to it and a shell from Fritz makes only a slight impression on us. The sound of a motor always attracts our attention and our eyes are on the sky always looking for an enemy air-plane of a battle in the clouds.

OLD AGE A CRIME!

Some people are young at 60—red cheeks, ruddy and vigorous. Others are old at 40—joints beginning to stiffen up a bit; sleep beginning to lag and lose its springiness; occasional touches of pain in the back, feel tired without cause, and possibly a twinge of rheumatic pain.

FISH AND GAME NOTICE

The next regular meeting of the Lowell Fish and Game Association will be on Tuesday, Jan. 1st, at 7:45 o'clock, Odd Fellows Temple.

WILLIS S. HOLT, Secretary

INTERESTING LETTERS FROM LOWELL SOLDIERS IN THE WAR ZONE

Corp. Frank R. Salome of Co. C, 104th U. S. Infantry, now in France, has written a number of interesting letters to his mother, Mrs. Rosa Salome of 16 Emory street. In one dated Nov. 29, he says in part:

"We had a good turkey dinner on Thanksgiving day and at night we had a big feast. It was good, although many of the boys were suffering from bad colds. In the morning we had a football game and that was first rate, too, although our team lost."

"I am sending you a little handkerchief in this envelope as a souvenir of France. I will send some other things later, because we can buy them in a little town about eight miles from here."

"Some of the boys are in the hospital with measles but as you know, that is not very dangerous. The worst part of it is that they put guards all over the town and won't let any of the fellows out. So you see that the fellow who isn't sick is worse off than the fellow in the hospital!"

"Under date of Dec. 11 he writes: 'We have just got out of quarantine on account of having the measles. We couldn't go with any of the other fellows for 10 days, but we are all right now and are back with the boys.'"

"We are having some pretty cold weather over here now, and I am keeping us moving all the time so that we can keep warm. They say we will have very little winter here, but what we get is cold and very damp."

Private Robert L. Holmes, William Holmes of 1193 Lakeview avenue, Dracut, has received the following letter from his brother, Private Robert L. Holmes, who is in France with the engineers:

Dear Brother—Just a few lines to let you know that we are all well and hoping to find everybody at home the usual over here. I was talking to Tom Baxter tonight and I told him

that I was going to write to you and try to describe our trip across.

Well, Bill, this is a very rainy night and I am down in my little office smoking a cigarette while I write you this letter. We have a lot of the boys from the Billerica shops working with us. This is "somewhere in France," as they say, but if you could see it you would change the "somewhere" to "nowhere." It would be more like it. For three long weeks we did not see a civilian in this country. We have seen many interesting places that I wish I could mention, but that is impossible.

But I can say that we have explored the trenches once held here by the Germans and have collected many souvenirs from some of the famous battle grounds. Looking at the landscape of the surrounding country you see the ground covered with small wooden crosses marking the remains of some brave man or men. The landscape would remind you of ancient times when they lived in small dug-outs. You see entrances everywhere. A trip into these dug-outs or caves would surprise you for many of them are real tunnels that run for miles under the ground and are lighted with electricity. Some of them are made of concrete. This is how tricky "Fritz" fortified himself and why it is so hard to drive him back. However, he is going back and soon he will be back in his own land—to stay. Uncle Sam is going to do it.

We left Rockingham 1200 strong or more with hardly a cheer and there was nobody whom we knew to say a fond good-bye or even a cheering word to encourage us. We left the good old U. S. in the same manner.

A couple of days after arriving in England we were given a reception in London that did a man's heart good. People who were strangers to us welcomed us with great cheering. I tell you it was a splendid welcome; never saw so many people in the streets. All along the line we were greeted with cheers, welcomes, anfranks, Sammies, Uncle Sams and the other names they knew us by. We had the honor of be-

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COLDEST WEATHER SINCE 1914 HITS N. ENGLAND

Rumanian King Abdicates in Favor of Crown Prince Charles

R.R. EMPLOYEES' DEMANDS UP TO GOVERNMENT

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—The most severe cold wave experienced in New England since 1914 swept in from the northwest early today and caused widespread suffering because of the general lack of fuel. From a maximum reading of 27 degrees yesterday the temperature dropped to four below in Boston at 7:30 o'clock this morning and held close to that mark an hour later, with little indication, weather bureau officials said, of any rise during the day. There was no promise of immediate relief for weather bureau reports showed that the cold wave would continue over Sunday.

As the cold was driven in by a northwest wind that reached a maximum velocity of 26 miles last night, the bureau gave warning that the minimum would go down any records in Boston at 7:30 o'clock this morning and held close to that mark an hour later, with little indication, weather bureau officials said, of any rise during the day. There was no promise of immediate relief for weather bureau reports showed that the cold wave would continue over Sunday.

AMERICAN LINER SINKS U-BOAT

LONDON, Dec. 28.—A German submarine was sunk by the fire of the guns of an American passenger steamer approaching the British coast Thursday, according to reports of the passengers and gunners aboard.

The submarine was seen plainly by the passengers as it came to the surface at a distance of about 1500 yards directly in the wake of the ship.

The steamer was brought about sharply and the two guns took a shot with only an interval of two seconds between. The second shell exploded and debris from the submarine was seen flying in the air. Afterward no trace of the submarine was visible. The convoy signalled to the liner "a direct hit."

THREE BRITISH WARSHIPS SUNK

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Three British torpedo boat destroyers were sunk through being struck by torpedoes or hitting a mine off the Dutch coast on the night of Dec. 22, with the loss of 15 officers and 180 men, the admiralty announced today.

The statement reads:

"Three of our destroyers were mined or torpedoed during foggy weather off the Dutch coast on the night of the 22nd of December. A total of 15 officers and 180 men were lost."

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Albert Porter, Lowell High School Comm. Dept.

Russia to Conclude Peace Within Ten Days Unless Allies Join in Negotiations—British Labor Firm for Continuation of War—British Advance in Palestine

King Ferdinand has abdicated the Rumanian throne in favor of Crown Prince Charles, according to persistent rumors in Petrograd. Official confirmation, however, is lacking.

Unsettled conditions and a political crisis in Rumania were reported early this week in despatches from Petrograd and the Bolshevik government received information that there had been a revolutionary plot against King Ferdinand. Bolshevik and German propagandists have been reported working among the Rumanian troops.

Russia, Leon Trotsky told the council of workers' and soldiers' delegates, would be forced to conclude a separate peace with Germany unless the entente allies should join in the peace negotiations within ten days. The Bolshevik foreign minister announced that he officially would ask the entente powers whether they would join in negotiations. An advance guard of German peace emissaries has arrived in Petrograd.

Great Britain and France, through Premier Lloyd George and Foreign Minister Pichon, have replied informally to the peace proposals announced by Count Czernin for the central powers. The German terms are declared to be insufficient. The British

Full Details of Sinking of U-Boat and Capture of Crew by U. S. Destroyers

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Full details of the destruction by American destroyers of a German submarine and the capture of its crew were published today by the navy department. The incident was reported Nov. 24 but few facts were given at the time.

The submarine was sunk, the navy department's story of the affair indicates, as it was preparing to attack a merchant ship flotilla conveyed by the destroyers.

Full Report of Incident

The navy department's full story of the incident follows:

"At about 4:10 p. m., while escorting a convoy, the destroyer David L. Loomis, lookout on the Fanning, sighted a small periscope some distance off the port bow, extending about a foot out of water, and visible for a few seconds. The Fanning immediately headed for the spot and about three minutes after the periscope had been sighted dropped a depth charge. The Nicholson also speeded to the position of the submarine which appeared to be heading toward a merchant vessel. In the convoy and dropped another depth charge. At that moment the submarine's conning tower was visible. The Fanning continued to approach the submarine and at noon, on account of the cold all employees of the street and highways department who work out of doors were given a vacation for the day. The weather man does not maintain a very optimistic view of better things to come. 'Continued cold' is the best that he will divulge."

GERMAN HELD ON TREASON CHARGE

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Paul Hennig, a naturalized German, who has been employed as a foreman in a Brooklyn factory engaged in the making of torpedoes for the United States government, was remanded to jail without bail in federal court here today, charged with treason.

Hennig, authorities say, superintended the assembling of the gyroscopes which control the course of the torpedoes. According to district attorney Francis B. Sweeney, these gyroscopes have been found "maliciously mutilated." This was done in such a way as to render useless the torpedoes in which the gyroscopes were installed.

"Not only would these torpedoes have been worthless as weapons, but it is possible they would have proved engines of destruction for their own users," said the district attorney.

Hennig came to the United States in 1908 and was naturalized in 1916. Naval inspectors at that time, who were kept secret until today it was charged that Hennig "maliciously and traitorously aided Germany."

Hennig, authorities declare, is a highly skilled mechanic and holds American patent rights on a number of torpedo control and propulsion devices. One of Hennig's sons, it was said, has been interned at Ellis Island as an alien enemy.

When arraigned before Federal Judge Veeder in Brooklyn today, Hennig pleaded not guilty. He was ordered held without bail until Jan. 2, when a date will be named for his hearing.

JACK FROST MAN OF THE HOUR IN LOWELL

After a temporary moderation of the cold snap yesterday the powers of the north convened again last evening and decreed that Lowell should have another touch of frost and as a result of the decision the Spindle City awoke this morning in the throes of the coldest day of the season.

The Locks and Canals people found that the minimum temperature registered last night was 10 degrees below zero. This figure must be taken as the official mark.

A lady who resides in Kenwood came into Merrimack square this morning and after glancing at Uncle Dudley's thermometer which registered 7 below at 5 o'clock this morning, she remarked that that was not the "frost" things to worry about, because near her home at 7 o'clock a thermometer registered 22 below. This was about the lowest mark reported.

Other outlying districts reported varying temperatures but 10 below seemed to be "the consensus of opinion" and that is cold enough for anybody.

Just when the temperature reached its lowest mark is not known, but it was sometime between 5 and 6 a. m. At 2 o'clock this morning the mercury maintained a neutral zero and gradually descended. With the approach of daylight, however, things warmed up a little. At 5 o'clock this morning 7 below was registered in Merrimack square and at 1:30 it was 5 below. At noon it was 2 below.

A northwest wind which went "right through" a person did not exterminate matters any and those individuals who were compelled to "get going" during the early morning hours did not have a very happy lot. The street cars did not furnish much relief for in the majority of cases "your street railway" was cold and inoperable.

The Locks and Canals office reported 2 above as the official temperature

U. S. BANKERS RELEASED IN RUSSIA

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—E. R. Stevens, manager of the National City branch bank in Petrograd, and his assistant, a Mr. Link, arrested when the Bolsheviks seized the bank have been released, American Ambassador Francis reported today.

Ambassador Francis' despatches added nothing to yesterday's news cables on the seizure of the banks, but said that Stevens and his assistant, after being arrested, were marched through the streets to the bank, where they were released. What action, if any, because of the seizure, has been taken by the American embassy, was not stated.

COAL INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Although there has been suffering in the national capital for lack of fuel, A. L. Snodgrass, distributor for the fuel administration, told the senate investigating committee that enough coal had been shipped here to supply normal demands.

Coal was unavailable, he contended, because persons who could afford it, over bought, local dealers did not cooperate with the fuel administration and distributing facilities were inadequate.

GOVERNORS OF ALL NEW ENGLAND STAY TO ATTEND INAUGURATION OF GOV. McCALL

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—The governors of all the New England states have accepted invitations to attend the inauguration of Gov. McCall for a third term on Jan. 3. After the inaugural ceremonies, the entire party will go to Providence to attend a dinner and reception in honor of Gov. Beekman of Rhode Island, who returned recently from a trip to the battle front in Europe. They will hold an informal conference while at Providence.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The railroads have definitely refused the demand of their organized employees for 40 per cent. increases in pay and have turned the responsibility entirely to the government.

The railway executives here today in letting their decision be known made no concealment of their feelings that government operation is a step toward government ownership, and made clear they felt the public and the stockholders would demand it.

The railroad war board today directed the operating committee of eastern railroads with headquarters at Pittsburgh to remove immediately to Washington to sit there with the board.

One of the plans under consideration for handling railroad finances is the formation of a government corporation under the director-general of railroads to buy and market railroad securities.

At the same time it became known the railroads had refused the brotherhoods' demand, it was learned that the railway workers had decided not to press their request for a period of at least 30 days or until it is seen just what the railroad situation will be.

SALARY INCREASES VOTED BY CITY COUNCIL

Three city officials, the superintendent of the Chalmers street hospital, the sealer of weights and measures and the superintendent of city scales and measurer of bark and wood had their salaries increased at an adjourned meeting of the municipal council held this morning. As soon as this vote was taken Commissioner Brown moved and it was so voted that the commissioner of finance be instructed to introduce at the next meeting an ordinance restoring the salaries of other city officials to what they were in 1912, which means if the ordinance is enacted that while three city officials received increases in salaries, a great many others will have their pay cut down. These affected would include the city clerk, city treasurer, purchasing agent, superintendent of police, superintendent of streets and superintendent of public buildings. In the course of the meeting several suggestions were made.

CONDEMN METHODS OF CONTROLLING FOOD

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The government's methods of controlling the food situation were criticised severely at today's session of the labor congress. Speaking on this subject, Herbert Smith, leader of the miners, said:

"If they do not carry out at once the spirit of the resolution they may take it for granted that the workers of the country are no longer going to stand having their wives and children waiting outside shop doors, almost begging for food to be sold to them."

HAUL FREIGHT BY SHORT ROUTES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Director General MacAdoo spent today assembling a staff of advisors and executive officers to assist him in administering the railroads as a national unit.

He conferred with John Barton Payne, chief of the shipping board and Interstate Commerce Commissioner Anderson. An announcement of plans is expected soon.

The railroads war board went to work on a general scheme of operation. A few reports reaching here today told of first efforts by local railway officials to haul freight by short haul routes as requested by the director-general in his first telegram to railway heads.

A cold wave accompanied by snow in many localities probably would prevent a noticeable improvement in freight congestion under government operation for a week or more, officials said.

It was understood today that Mr. MacAdoo would use the various departments of the interstate commerce commission to execute most of his orders and in addition would form an advisory cabinet.

Legal phases of government operation have been studied carefully by the legal bureau, headed by Joseph W. Folk, chief counsel of the commission. The senate interstate commerce committee today decided to continue its plan to investigate the railroad situation under the Cummins amendment. Members of the committee agreed that the investigation would be purely academic but decided that any information obtained would be of benefit in considering legislation.

TELEPHONE GIRLS AGREE TO ARBITRATE

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—The New England Telephone and Telegraph Co., whose operators in Boston and suburban exchanges have voted to strike to end changes in the company's wage schedule today expressed a willingness to submit the differences to arbitration.

This was announced in a statement issued by William R. Driver, Jr., the general manager.

"The desirability and necessity of making increases in the wages of its employees at the present time is recognized," the statement says, "and the company has endeavored to do this with fairness to all in its service. It is not, however, justified in meeting the maximum demands made by the operators."

Federal Conciliator David W. Benjamin conferred with representatives of the operators yesterday in an effort to have them agree to arbitration, but that of them opposed the plan, it was stated.

DRILLS SUSPENDED AT AYER

AYER, Dec. 28.—Drills were suspended at camp Ayer today because of the cold weather. The thermometer at divisional headquarters registered 23 below zero.

THRIFT CLUB

LAST DAY

The enlistment opportunity closes tonight at 9 o'clock. Our 1918 list of members shows how widespread is thrift in Lowell today. The Sun shines on Lowell.

Middlesex Co. DEPOSIT & TRUST

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Gold Bricks

When you have a little money ahead, don't buy a gold brick.

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New Year's Eve Party

Monday Eve, Dec. 31

Music and Cabaret, Favors, etc. Dinner at 8 P. M.

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RECORDS SHOW LOWELL'S WAR ACTIVITIES

Interesting Review of Military Affairs in This City During the Year—Lowell Prepared for War in Advance

The war and its attendant activities with of necessity overshadow all other events in a review of the year 1917. Although war was not officially declared until April, Lowell was actually ready for it some months in advance when the call eventually did come, she was "there." Following is a review of military affairs, the war and its various ramifications as they occurred chronologically in Lowell during the past year:

- January**
- Lowell Business Men's battalion re-organizes and assumes name of Lowell Military Landing.
 - First Lieut. James J. Powers elected captain of Co. C of the 4th regiment, National Guard, to succeed Capt. George W. Peterson, resigned.
- February**
- Local Red Cross chapter receives orders to mobilize resources in view of present emergency in connection with the war.
 - Adjutant Gustave Aspesz returns to Lowell after spending 30 months in the trenches.
 - Memorial hall re-dedicated. Pre-war observance of Washington's birthday.
- March**
- John C. Leggat appointed adjutant of second battalion of the Sixth regiment with rank of first lieutenant.
 - Philip McNulty, formerly captain of Co. M of the 5th regiment, dies suddenly.
 - Recruiting party from U. S. S. "Albatross" visits Lowell.
 - Capt. Daniel L. Christian receives orders to mobilize 3000 people attend patriotic mass meeting at state armory.
 - Gov. C. and K receive orders to mobilize at 3 p. m. City takes on real war appearance.
 - Red Cross tag day nets \$6500.
- April**
- Men enlist in Home Guard.
 - Members of Co. M guard railroad bridges in the city. Gov. McCall authorizes formation of Battery B in Lowell.
 - President Wilson signs proclamation declaring a state of war existent between the United States and Germany. Co. C and Co. D of the Sixth regiment and the Sixth Regiment band are mustered into the federal service.
 - Conservation committee holds meeting to discuss war measures.
 - Patriotic meeting at city hall for purpose of forming battery in local defense. Mayor O'Donnell urges enlistments.
 - Physical examination of National Guard companies begins at armory in Westford street. Amateur wireless stations in Lowell are dismantled.
 - Butler Ames designated by Gov. McCall as commander of Massachusetts State Guard. Detail from Co. C leaves for "somewhere in New Hampshire."
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 - Horace Desilets of 43 Spring court receives news that his brother, Private American, enlisted in the Royal Canadian regiment, is killed in the trenches in Europe.
 - Order received at state armory providing for discharge of soldiers with dependents.
 - Majority of the members of the local companies of the National Guard leave for training camps in New Hampshire. Only 27 men left at the Westford street armory. 121 men take oath of allegiance to flag and country and Battery B is officially formed. Sumner H. Needham appointed captain and Edward R. Watts and Richard C. MacFarlane first lieutenants.
 - Remaining members of Co. C and K leave Lowell. Former President William H. Taft, the principal speaker at patriotic mass meeting at state armory.
 - 5th Regiment band goes to Framingham.
 - Private Joseph Harding of Co. K killed by train in Andover, N. H., while on guard duty.
 - Private E. J. assigned as commander of local navy recruiting station. Battery B holds first drill at state armory.
 - Lowell men enroll in State Guard.
 - Co. M receives orders to train for Newburyport.
- May**
- Possibility of British and French war missions visiting Lowell announced. Lowell Military Training school becomes State Guard company with Walter R. Jones as captain.
 - Three Lowell young men pass Plattsburg entrance examinations. Army recruiting office in Lowell and navy. Lowell Belgian Relief committee organized.
 - Score of Lowell men receive notification to report for training at Camp Devens. Lowell refuses request to allow formation of Lowell cavalry squadron. 25 men had signed up.
 - Flag day. Rev. Crook.
 - Lowell boys go to Plattsburg.
 - Newell Ritchie joins General Service infantry of the U. S. army.
 - Lowell battery to be sent to Lowell for war strength. Headquarters opened at state armory.
 - Navy recruiting office begins display of posters and literature in city.
 - Precinct officers for draft registration appointed. Recruiting for National Guard companies greatly stimulated by rally at the armory.
 - John D. Currie appointed first sergeant of Battery B by Capt. Needham.
- June**
- National Guard recruiting officers receive permission to enlist men for the duration of the war only.
 - Bay State Street railway company holds patriotic rally at Lakeview.
 - 14,000 Lowell men between ages of 17 and 35 included in register for National army draft.
 - "Bookies" for National Guard companies begin drilling at state armory.
 - 8000 Lowell recruits for navy leave for Newburyport. Big demonstration.
 - Major Colby T. Kitteridge comes to Lowell from Cambridge to direct recruiting campaign.
 - Plans for Red Cross campaign discussed and advisory committee appointed.
 - Recruits for navy go to Newburyport.
 - Recruits for Co. C go to Framingham.
 - Lowell boys and the public schools.
 - Lowell boys active recruiting.

Review of Events in Lowell

for Year That is Closing

Local History and Necrology Summarized from The Sun's Records—Lowell's War Activities in 1917—Dates Useful for Future Reference

- The Sun has compiled and presents herewith a record of the principal events in Lowell during the year that is about to close. This chronological report, including our war activities for the year 1917, constitutes in brief form a history and necrology of Lowell for the year and should be valuable for reference:
- January**
- Inaugural exercises held at city hall. Commissioner Frank Warnock and George H. Brown inducted into office. Commissioner Brown announced that ten per cent. discount to water users be increased ten per cent. making an increase of 20 per cent. over previous rates. One hundredth anniversary of the founding of the order of Marist brothers observed. Annual banquet of South End club. School committees organized. John B. Keyes being the only new member. Dr. John H. Lamberti being re-elected chairman. Annual ball of Lowell Police Relief association.
 - Benjamin Buck of Tewksbury, charged with assault with intent to murder Capt. James Brosnan appeared before grand jury.
 - Purchasing Agent Edward H. Foye and Supt. Robert J. Thomas of water department ousted by municipal council and Maxime Lepine and Robert Gardner elected in their places.
 - Inspector Angus H. McDonald, of state police, issues warning to local build.
 - Inquest into death of Ruth E. Maxwell, aged 16 years, held. James Lally killed by train in Billerica.
 - Andrew G. Stiles, city treasurer, removed from office by municipal council and Fred H. Bourke elected as his successor.
 - Annual dinner of Lowell Board of Underwriters.
 - Dexter Thompson killed by train near Manchester station. Asa C. Fossell makes endowment of \$15,000 Lowell Y.M.C.A.
 - Purchasing Agent Foye and Supt. Thomas of water department contest their removal by municipal council.
 - Annual banquet of Bishop Deane assembly. Fourth degree. Knights of Columbus. Annual meeting of Lowell Y.M.C.A. made for audit of city treasurer's books. Lowell Board of Trade holds jubilee dinner. Lieut. James J. Powers elected captain of Co. C of the Sixth regiment. W. V. L. to succeed Capt. George W. Peterson.
 - Mayor O'Donnell urges liquor law enforcement. Local minister show of Matthew Temperance Institute.
 - Police raid gambling den in Marquette street and arrest.
 - Automobile shop opens at Casino.
 - Shakeup in fire department. Midwinter musicale of Lowell Choral society.
 - Municipal council retains William D. Regan, Esq., as council in mandamus hearing. Dr. Alfred W. Lawrence arrested on charge of assault on a woman.
 - Jimmy Gardner knocks out George Rivet in six rounds.
 - State Inspector McDonald orders raid on local hospital.
 - City Solicitor Harold A. Varvum resigns. Appropriation estimates from city departments sent over to finance commission. Reunion of St. Michael's parish.
- February**
- Judge Pierce of the supreme judicial court decides that Purchasing Agent Foye, Supt. Thomas of the water department and City Treasurer Stiles were illegally removed. High school pupils present "Strouthelet."
 - Capt. David J. Hurley of the 6th department pensioned.
 - Annual town meetings at Tewksbury, Chelmsford, and Braintree. Election of officers of the Young Men's Christian association.
 - President P. F. Sullivan of Bay State Street Railway Co. appeared before municipal council relative to necessity of increase of car fares from 5 to 6 cents.
 - Triple drowning accident in Concord river at Billerica.
 - Raymond J. Leavitt, aged two years, fatally burned.
 - Thomas P. McKay re-elected chairman of the park board.
 - Samuel Scott decides that City Treasurer Foye, City Solicitor Stiles, and Supt. Thomas of the water department were illegally removed.
 - Annual memorial services of G.A.R. posts.
 - Municipal council suspends Supt. Thomas and Purchasing Agent Foye.
 - Memorial day observed with big parade and exercises.
 - Annual high school day of Lowell high school. Annual exercises at high school. Supt. Thomas of water department and City Treasurer Stiles were illegally removed.
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 - Mrs. Carrie J. Blanchard, Lowell woman, commits suicide at Concord, N. H.
- May**
- Constitutional election held. Graduation exercises of Lowell evening high school. Golden jubilee ball for St. John's hospital.
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- Commencement exercises at Lowell Textile school.
 - Judge Loring of the supreme court finds in favor of Purchasing Agent Foye, City Treasurer Stiles and Supt. Thomas of the water department.
 - James C. Reilly, Esq., elected president of the Lowell board of Trade. Hearing on removal of Purchasing Agent Foye, before municipal council.
 - Mayor O'Donnell and William E. Pringle, Lowell men, ordained to the priesthood.
 - Massachusetts Chapter of the Federation of Notre Dame Academy holds annual outing at Hingsboro.
 - Lowell fire department holds memorial Sunday services.
 - Municipal council votes to pay back salaries to Messrs. Stiles, Foye and Thomas. Annual graduation exercises at Rogers' Hall school.
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INGTON, Dec. 29.—To facilitate making of the national inventories in Boston, Mass., and its vicinity, the bureau of markets of the United States department of agriculture

are at 409 Fidelity building, in charge of J. C. Gilbert; at 510 building, in charge of W. C. Gilbert; at 1140 Oliver building, in charge of P. C. Britton; and at 1140 Oliver building, in charge of P. C. Britton.

... required to Report
... agents of the survey point
... the act of congress providing
... war emergency food survey

of foods or food materials, holder of such commodities substantially greater than farmers, to fill out a schedule and file it with the Federal Food and Drug Administration, Washington, D. C., by January 1, 1918, and files the penalties to do so. This includes all wholesale and retail dealers in food and food products and food and feed manufacturers regardless of the size of the place they hold; also those in hotels, restaurants, confectionery, industrial companies, institutions, etc., providing stocks on hand have a value more. Even manufacturers of food who use a food producer

not be considered a food,
stinting, chewing gum and
manufacturing concerns.

of foods of the classes
who have not received a
through the mails by Jan. 2,
and additional copies should
not later than Jan. 2, 1917.

emergency food supply will not comprehensive inventory ever made in the United States. Its purpose is to show the government the food supplies and in the country so that the officials of the government have the necessary information to base plans for the distribution of supplies and, for producing the next season, the extent the food supply carried on by means of scheduled releases. In addition, it will be made so stocks had all thousand representative various parts of the country average holdings so determine the basis for the total holdings in families of the country. The total

determined by estimates made by the bureau of crop estimates of the United States department of agriculture. In the addition of the stocks in hand of those three classes of commodities will give the total supplies in the country on December 31, so far as

fish figures with which to accuracy of the mail survey is highly in hundreds of of retail food dealers, the markets, through the action of local officials, will store-to-store survey of the sales of such dealers in forty-two counties which best represent types, geographically, income and economically. These range from Cuyahoga County, embracing the city of Cleveland, to counties having no villages of 2500 population.

WOMAN WHO URGED TO KILL HUSBAND

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who, according to the story, was picked up by Mrs. Bertini, has been released on bail for \$1000. The man is now in the hospital, where he is recovering from his injuries.

the man advanced threatening her in the kitchen of Mrs. Bertini says she backed door and, drawing a revolver she had in readiness for occasion, fired three shots at shot struck Bonerba in the second entered his right the third penetrated his despite his wounds struggling woman and wrested the gun her grasp, then rushed house and fell to the side a few yards up the street.

nerba on his hands and
at a distance of nearly 300
rd the police station. His
to the hospital, where he
died Mrs. Bertini as his as-
long time I have slept with

danger under my pillow. He threatened that man would force the house and take the police. He was so jealous he put a hois in the floor of the room that is over mine, and kept watch of my doings. I complained to the police about it.

He came into the kitchen this morning with three children, six years, and seven months old, were husband lay in bed. Bonger with him a telegram from London, in which he was urged to come. He threatened me, and told me to get out of the house and run away with him. The next day I bought a receipt

He seemed to go crazy three times. After the shoot-
band rolled from the bed
to the kitchen, where I told
goes story."

HEARING POSTPONED.
James L. Macdon of the
Fries L. Murray & Co., 145
street, appeared before the
commission yesterday after
complaint charging that
he was the conditions of those
by agreement the hearing
ed until Jan. 22.

ALL BOATS TAKEN

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BOSTON, Dec. 23.—Four German submarines were captured recently by 12 American destroyers, according to an American seaman who reached his home here from a French port last night. The seaman—a former Boston newspaper man—was aboard a troop-

ship at the French port recently, he said, when the destroyers, all flying the stars and stripes, steamed in with their prizes. The submarines were lying upon the surface of the ocean, with their conning towers open, recharging their batteries, when the American destroyers swept down upon them and took them prisoners without a fight. While the transport was still at a French port, the seaman said, a German U-boat entered the harbor

scope. The enemy crew explained that they had been lying in wait for the troopship in the open sea, and that when they failed to find her and their supplies ran low the crew capitulated, killed the commander and decided to surrender.

DESCRIBE CONDITIONS AT
ARMY CAMPS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Disease epidemics and clothing and equipment shortages at Camp Bowie, Texas, and Camp Bowie, Okla., were described today to the senate military committee by the respective commanders of these National Guard cantonments. Major Generals Greble and Wright.

Both officers said the epidemics at their posts now were under control and that the clothing and equipment over-cuts had been received, but they gave dismal pictures of earlier conditions. They told, too, of enormous shortages of rifles, machine guns and other equipment still existing. Food has been

Gen. Greble's story showed conditions at Camp Bowie to have been the worst. He said that the majority of many men who recently died there would have been saved had winter clothing, sufficient tents to avoid overcrowding, and proper food, sanitation and ventilation been provided. He told how the war department ordered 12 men housed in each unit, while he said the soldiers thought you could not walk between them.

During November Gen. Greble said, 800 men, mostly from his division, passed through hospitals, with deaths from pneumonia, measles and other diseases averaging 16 daily. He said that the men were crowded into a hospital built to accommodate 800 and without a sewerage system.

He said that the general said he protested against crowding 12 men into a tent, and gave warning that sickness would result. He said that the epidemic broke out.

Now, however, he added, there are only 800 men on the sick list.

During the hearing the committee also received from Secretary Baker a letter in reply to its resolution requesting immediate action to relieve clothing shortages in the camps, stating the necessary steps had been taken and that he would report fully as soon as all camps were heard from.

ENGLAND TAKES OVER PORTLAND STOCKYARDS

PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 23.—The Brit-

The government has taken over the East Decolng stockyards, owned by the Grand Trunk railway, in this city, and will ship horses from here for war purposes. This action is due to conditions at Montreal.

Patrick Ward, in charge of the Vermont stock yards, has been appointed to the Brity the government to take charge of the work here. From 600 to 1,000 horses will be kept on hand at all times.

Forty men will be given employment at the big yards. Steamers enough to carry the horses have been engaged.

Teague—Donohoe

Mr. George W. Teague and Miss Suzanne J. Donohoe were married late this afternoon at St. Patrick's parish, by the Rev. J. J. O'Connell. The bridesmaid was Miss Nora Donohoe, a sister of the bride, and the best man was Frank J. Teague of New York. A large number of guests were at the home of the bride, 1 Brooks street. The ushers were Richard Donohoe, C.

GERMAN SUBMARINE SUNK
NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Officials of the Coast line here today confirmed previously published news that the sinking of a German submarine of the steam-torpedo type off the British Isles. The vessel was a freight carrying vessel of 1,500 tons gross.

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214 MERRIMACK ST.

Under authority of Section 49, Chapter 190 of the Acts of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts of 1908, as amended.

amended by Section 6, Chapter 491, of the Acts of 1909 and Chapter 171 of the Acts of 1915, notice is hereby given that Book No. 823-4 in the Office of the Boston & Maine Trust and General Savings Bank is lost. Payment has been stopped and application has been made for payment of the amount. 1115, 22, 29.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.
To all persons who are interested in the real estate hereinafter mentioned:
Whereas Hannah V. Keating of Lowell, in the County of Middlesex,

estate situated in Lowell, in the County of Middlesex, and described in said petition, has presented to said Court her petition setting forth that said real estate is subject to a vested remainder or reversion created under the will of Julia Regan, late of Lowell, in the County of Middlesex, deceased, and praying for the appointment of Hannah V. Keatinge of Lowell, in the County of Middlesex, or some other

And said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by publishing the same in one of the best newspapers in the county for two consecutive weeks, in The Lowell Sun a newspaper published in Lowell, the said publication to be one day at least before the expiration of the said one month, and delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested therein seven days at least before said court.

Willness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-first day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

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NO LIQUOR FOR U. S. SOLDIERS IN FRANCE

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Dec. 28.—(By the Associated Press)—Gen. Pershing, in an interview with correspondents today, said the question of prohibiting the sale of all intoxicating liquors to American troops which he favors, is being discussed with the French government. He explained his recent order prohibiting the sale of all intoxicants except light wine and beer and the conditions prevailing in France which caused it to be drawn as it was.

"The question of prohibiting the sale of all intoxicants is under discussion," said Gen. Pershing, "but, of course, there are difficulties here in France that do not exist in the United States. The general order issued Dec. 18 was a long step toward the prevention of drinking among our men."

"It was not by any means intended to convey an injunction to the American troops to drink light wine and beer, but quite the reverse. It was intended only that light wine and beer would be permitted and prohibited the purchase of and acceptance of gifts of whiskey, brandy, champagne or similar beverages. It ordered that all drinking places where such articles are

sold be forbidden American soldiers. It is the same regulation made in France by the British army and by the French. Although I am heartily in favor of prohibition for the American expeditionary force the situation in France and the United States is not the same. Comparatively few French people drink water as we do, they drink wine instead. This is partly because the French water supply is not as pure as ours. French wine is light and much less intoxicating than is generally supposed. Obviously there are obstacles to forbidding wine shops in the zone of the army to do business at all, which practically is what the French would have to do.

"The same order which forbade soldiers taking strong drink contained the most rigid regulations to prevent the spread of the social diseases. Thus far the record of the army in both respects has been most excellent. It is a testimonial to the high character of the American soldier."

TEMPORARY QUARTERS FOR SCIENTIFIC LABORATORIES AT MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE

SOUTH HADLEY, Dec. 28.—President Mary E. Woolley of Mount Holyoke college announced today that plans were under way to provide temporary quarters for the scientific laboratories, which lost most of their equipment in the burning of Lyman Williston hall on Dec. 22. Material for the museums of botany, zoology and geology will be replaced as rapidly as possible, in order that the scientific courses at the college may be continued without serious interference.

President Woolley said that an effort would be made to get in touch with institutions or private individuals owning duplicate museum material, laboratory equipment or out-of-print books available for borrowing or purchase by the college.

EDWARD DALTON PASSED AWAY YESTERDAY

Edward Dalton, for 49 years an employee of the Boston & Maine railroad and for the greater part of that time a conductor, died suddenly late yesterday afternoon at his home, 55 Nesmith street. Heart trouble was attributed as the cause of his death.

Mr. Dalton was 65 years of age and had spent practically all his life in Lowell. He had been in fairly good health up until the time of his death although annoyed slightly at times with heart trouble. The death of a daughter, Catherine, who died a few years ago, and more recently the loss of his wife, are thought to have contributed to some extent to his passing away.

Conductor Dalton was well known to Lowell people who have occasion to visit Boston frequently via the steam road. He had been conductor for many years on the trains between the local station and Lowell Junction. Later he had worked on the trains between Lowell and Ayer. He was considered one of the most capable and experienced employees of the Boston & Maine system and the thousands of people who have travelled on his "runs" can testify to his courtesy, interest and cordiality.

Mr. Dalton was born in Newton Junction, N. H., in 1852 and received his early education in that town. When a young man he came to Lowell and spent the greater part of his life in this city. He entered the employ of the Boston & Maine at the age of 16, first as a brakeman and after three years was appointed a conductor. He was one of the oldest conductors of the Boston & Maine road in point of service.

When 26 years old Mr. Dalton married Miss Catherine McDonough, who died a little over a year ago. He became the father of three sons and two daughters, and four children survive him. They are Mary Dalton, John Dalton, well known as a tenor soloist; Frank and William Dalton, both employees of the Boston & Maine; also two brothers, John, of Newton Junction, N. H., and Jeremiah, a conductor on the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad and a resident of Boston.

Mr. Dalton was especially well known in the immaculate Conception parish and he was a devout attendant of the immaculate Conception church.

AUTOMOBILE MEN ARE OVER ANXIOUS

STATE HOUSE, Boston, Dec. 29.—Governor McCall today received from numerous automobile organizations throughout the state a request that any proposed war tax on automobiles be sidetracked for the time being. No action has been taken by the governor. The automobile men became alarmed, it is understood by reports that the governor would include in his address to the legislature next week a recommendation for a tax of \$5 on every automobile and a jump from \$2 to \$5 for all driving fees.

The motorists says that they do not object to paying such a tax for the purpose of helping to win the war, if the tax is necessary, but declare that if such a tax is to be levied it should not be confined to automobile owners only, but also to drivers of cabs and carriages and to the vehicles as well.

The letter of protest, it is said, originated at a recent meeting of New England car owners held in a Boston hotel, and Chester I. Campbell of Boston, who presided, appointed a committee to frame a letter to Governor McCall and made plans to visit the state house later and in person present their grievances.

To the governor's secretary and others close to the chief executive it seems as if the automobile men of the state are borrowing trouble. It is a positive fact that the recommendations which Governor McCall will make in his address to the legislature are unknown to anyone but the governor himself, and for the automobile men to protest against a recommendation which he is "expected" to make is rather out of place.

Interest begins Jan. 1. Savings Department, Old Lowell National Bank.

PRESENTED WHIST WATCH
Rev. E. C. Ramette, pastor of the French Baptist church in Ennet street, who will leave tomorrow evening for New York, whence he will sail for France, where he will be engaged in Y.M.C.A. work during the duration of the war, was presented a handsome wrist watch by the members of his parish last evening. The presentation took place after the weekly prayer and the presentation address was delivered by Nelson A. Belanger. In the course of the evening refreshments were served and entertainment numbers were given by Edward Desforges. The committee in charge consisted of Mrs. George A. Desforges and Mrs. Nelson A. Belanger.

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SUN WRITER IN FRANCE PREDICTS LONG WAR

The following letter is written by C. C. Lyon, who represents The Sun and other newspapers with General Pershing's army:

With General Pershing's army in France, Dec. 29.—It is quite apparent now that the allies have been fooling themselves.

Germany is not the down and out antagonist we have been making ourselves believe she was.

If there were no other proof the Teutons' success against the Italians proves that.

The collapse of Russia as a war factor has made Germany vastly stronger on the western front.

The allies have a real job on their hands.

"The war will be over in three months after the American army gets into action against the Goehrs," is constantly heard from many young American officers, none of whom have even been in a battle before.

This is pure bluff.

Fortunately, for America, this confidence is not shared by the other seasoned officers. They are almost as sure in declaring there is stern business ahead for our troops—anything but the picnic their younger colleagues picture.

The British, who have been putting up a winning fight against the Germans on the western front for a long time, are not deceiving themselves as to the real situation.

Coming back from Belgium the other day, I rode for several hours with a high British officer, who freely discussed the war as it was being fought.

"To my mind," he told me, "four things are necessary before the allies finally win."

"1. We must gain for ourselves overwhelming mastery of the air."

"2. We must outnumber the enemy with men, guns and aviation, that we can crush them in the same manner as Germany has crushed some of our weaker allies."

"3. We must quit thinking that Germany is going to have an eternal sleep, that will put her out of business."

"4. We must have a single control for the allied war operations."

Germany's strongest points are that she absolutely controls the armies of her allies, and is able to use them, at any time, to the very best possible advantage as occasion arises.

Up to this time the entente allies have fought in sections regardless of one another, without co-ordinating

our strategy."

Every day on the western front it becomes more and more evident that complete control of the air is going to be a determining factor in terminating the war.

It is too much to expect that the allies will score some of its greatest victories, and its successes can be traced directly to the accuracy and intensity of its artillery fire.

This is made possible by the assistance given by a vastly superior air service that succeeded in "blinding" the enemy by keeping his eyes fixed far behind his own lines and at the same time located the German batteries and directed the fire of the French guns upon them.

The great results can be accomplished when the United States has from 25,000 to 50,000 machines in service pouring machine gun bullets into the German trenches, shooting up German supply trains and reinforcements and bombing towns and cities in the interior of Germany."

To my mind it is time to quit waiting for Germany to "blow up" from the inside, and to begin planning a few big knockout punches in which the allied armies will strike the Germans in as many different places as possible.

I repeat the statements of many noted French, British and American war experts over here when they say that, regardless of what happens in Italy and Russia, the war won't be ended in those theaters of conflict.

To win, Germany must lick the British, the French and the Americans on the western front.

And Germany can never do that.

She may overrun weaker foes like Russia, Italy and Rumania, but she's up against an entirely different game when she goes up against the British, French and Americans.

The British and the French, as I have shown themselves the masters of the Germans. Time after time, during the present year, they have smashed the German trenches, captured thousands of prisoners, and wounded countless other thousands and pushed their lines forward for big gains.

In the presence of the wonderful British and French troops the Germans have shown themselves to be "quitters."

When America's big army lines up with the British and French, the Germans will be even more marked.

They'll win the "big punch."

They'll win just as soon as they learn how to use it.

Forecast of War in 1918 by Noted Military Expert--The New Forces in War

BY J. W. T. MASON

Famous American Military Expert

Victory is probable in 1918 only if the German people realize that the war has reached the point where Teutonic man-power is disappearing from the world at a greater proportionate rate than the man-power of any other belligerent.

It is too much to expect that events will so develop in 1918 as to permit the allies to deliver a knockout blow resulting in the unconditional surrender of the German armies.

But, 1918 will see British, French, Italian and American troops all engaged in the business of killing Germans.

Germany in her turn will also kill, but with the odds terribly against her.

The most important event of the war in 1918 may be the raising of the American flag over the river Rhine.

Somewhere along the Rhine, probably between the Swiss border, where the Rhine rises, and the vicinity of Strasbourg, is miles north, the first American objective of the war is presumed to be concealed. During the course of the new year this concealed will be ripped wide open by a million American fighters.

von Hindenburg and the Kaiser know what is coming, so far as the general direction of the American advance is concerned, but they don't know the point of contact with the Rhine. They will be kept guessing along their historic waterfront until the snow falls.

When it does fall, the most important happening of the war, and one of the most vital developments in the history of civilization will have occurred.

The Rhine will have been captured by the first army from the western hemisphere to engage in an offensive military campaign in Europe.

The problem of crossing the Rhine was considered from every angle of possibility early in the war by British and French army engineers. It will fall, however, to engineers from West Point to direct the solution in 1918. If the problem is to be solved at all, this question of military engineering skill will come as the climax to a drive through German territory, that will test the American generalship to its utmost.

The starting point of the drive will be revealed in the spring or summer, when the American offensive begins.

General Pershing is preparing to hold the southernmost part of the western battlefield.

It is a stretch of at least 100 miles, as the trenches turn and twist, from one end of this line to the other. The extreme southern part of the line is inside Alsace and is about 15 miles from the Rhine; the northern part is 50 miles away. The distances between vary.

It would seem logical that the nearer to the Rhine the American assault begins, the quicker will the objective be reached. But the lines of communication leading to the battlefield are much better behind the northern part of the "American front" than behind the southern part.

The decision to be taken will be the most fateful of the year 1918 and may turn out to be the most fateful of the war.

The problem of getting supplies across the Vosges mountains, which separate France from Alsace and part of Lorraine, was one that the French generals did not solve earlier in the war. Yet there has been no opportunity for France to go at the problem for a second effort, with knowledge gained from experience. By the time the experience was ready, France hadn't the men to spare for a new advance to the Rhine.

Sometime during 1918, nearly four years after France's failure, a million men from America will make an effort to solve anew the problem of the Vosges mountain barrier. The principal strategic aims of the American army in the new year, thus, will probably take this order:

(1) Making a secure passage through the Vosges mountains for a military advance into Germany;

(2) Marching across Alsace or Lorraine toward the Rhine;

(3) Forcing a passage across the Rhine into Germany proper.

This looks like an enormous program for a single year, when compared with what the allies have been trying to do for nearly three and one-half years along the western front. But 1918 is destined to see new conditions of fighting.

After three and one-half years of slaughter, the best soldier material in the central empires as well as among the allies has been killed or permanently incapacitated. Even the second best has been annihilated.

As the third and fourth best of the central empires, the United States will have this year in Europe, not only her best, but her super-best.

A second condition that should make the fighting in 1918 different from the usual offensive methods of previous years of the war, is the proof the British gave at Cambrai of the value of their tanks as offensive weapons.

Since the Cambrai engagement, a second use of the tanks for a surprise offensive has been anticipated, but it has been postponed because of the heavy reinforcements Germany has concentrated along the British front. But with American tanks in profusion at the southern end of the western front this year, and with plenty of British tanks at the northern end, the Teutons will find the problem of adequate concentration of their reserves well nigh insuperable.

Over 200 miles will then separate the areas of possible American and British offensives. Real surprise will have been reintroduced into modern warfare on a gigantic scale.

Apart from America's participation in the war during 1918, chief interest ought to center in the co-ordinated offensives of the British with the American armies.

It is in accord with the best principles of strategy that General Haig is now resting his forces. Never

since the war began have the allies been able to co-ordinate their major attacks for any length of time. This haphazard method of fighting to which Germany owes so much, is to be abandoned in 1918 by the allies. Except to repel a possible German assault, the British forces probably will remain comparatively quiet from now until America gets ready to strike.

Then will come simultaneous offensives at the northern and southern ends of the western line, forcing the Germans on the defensive under conditions such as they have not yet encountered during the war.

The French armies between the American and the British will probably not play a strongly offensive role in the 1918 fighting, except as supporters of the combats on the two extremes of the western front.

France has borne a more exhausting part of the warfare during the past three and one-half years than has England, and France has earned the right to rest until her help is urgently needed.

Enough ought to be expected of Russia, as to uncertainty, during 1918, to keep a considerable force of Germans watchful along the eastern front.

GLOOMY PICTURE OF GERMANY'S FUTURE

AMSTERDAM, December.—A gloomy picture of Germany's future was painted by Grand Admiral Von Tirpitz in his recent speech in Essen, according to the Hamburg News.

Regarding a successful economic war against Germany after the war he said:

"Imagine the position if we simultaneously have to bear the burden of taxation which must fall on every German, and, despite the fallen value of German money, we still have to buy the most necessary food and raw materials from abroad. Can anyone in his heart of hearts really believe that in these circumstances, without an increase of power, without indemnity and without security we could avoid Germany's ruin."

Germany's plight at the hands of England he bemoaned as follows:

"Not only has England taken our colonies and Mesopotamia, but everywhere she has made deeper and firmer bases for her maritime and colonial supremacy. She has tarnished and trampled down the prestige and honor of Germany by unprecedented calamities. In the whole transatlantic world we are considered as conquered and done for."

Since the outbreak of the war the director of contracts for England's armies has made the following purchases: Cloth, 105,000,000 yards; flannel, 115,000,000 yards; knives, forks and spoons, 35,000,000; bacon, 400,000,000 pounds; cheese, 167,000,000 pounds; jam, 250,000,000 tins; preserved meat, 500,000,000 rations; boots, 35,000,000 pairs; smoke helmets, 25,000,000; horseshoes, 40,000,000.

Germany's future is now resting on the hands of the British.

TEDDY'S PLOT TO OUST BAKER FLAT FAILURE

Special to The Sun

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29.—The Roosevelt plot to drive Secretary Baker out of the cabinet will very likely die a-borning.

That it was a plot is indicated plainly enough by the sequence in events.

First a congressional investigation of the war department was started. General Crozier's testimony showed that there had been delay in getting guns of one kind or another for the army. Then Roosevelt broke loose with his editorial attack on Baker and the administration. The Kansas City Star followed up with a declaration that "Baker must go." Right on the heels of that came Washington correspondence to the Philadelphia North American attempting to show Baker up as the obstructionist at the war department.

Both papers were leading supporters of Roosevelt in 1912 and 1916.

In the meantime Medill McCormick, congressman-at-large from Illinois, hurried himself before the investigation committee to tell what he thought he found out on his recent trip to Europe. McCormick is one of the owners of the Chicago Tribune, and is ambitious to be elected to the United States senate from Illinois. He was a progressive in 1912 and a regular republican in 1916.

The man who will make the plot and plotters ridiculous is Secretary Baker himself. He is courting full investigation and having heads of departments in the war office make up all the trouble there is—such as the report of General Gorgas on sickness in camps, etc.

But when the investigators get through with the mistakes and misdeeds and get to the actual accomplishments of the war department, another picture will be presented.

While it is true that machine guns already made were offered by manufacturers, and the department said it "wasn't interested," the truth is that the guns were old style—some made for Russia. And the department didn't want to be accused of trying them and "wasn't interested" in junk.

It has appeared in the testimony already that the machine gun finally adopted is the best made anywhere—the Browning gun.

But when Northrup came over here representing the British government his whole cry was "give us ships, more ships, and still more ships." He said they had manpower enough and didn't expect an American army inside of 18 months. The allies wanted ships, food and fuel ahead of soldiers.

Everything depended upon ships. And the government based its transportation of soldiers and supplies on the shipping situation. It knew how fast it could send soldiers across, and has worked according to schedule.

There came a time when there was a hurry-up call for an American army—and ahead of the request of the allies previously made through their representatives in this country. That was when the French morale was believed to be low, and it was believed nothing would strengthen that morale so much as the appearance of an American army in France. Then Pershing and his army season by season—had been seasoned on the border and in Mexico—were hurried

across. Their appearance did the work. French and British morale perked up.

Since that time men have been going over just as rapidly as the shipping situation would permit—and they were supplied and equipped as fast as they could be transported.

But Baker never backed up in his determination—announced early in the game—that American soldiers would not go on the firing line in France until thoroughly trained, seasoned and fit to fight.

Those who are over there have continued their training and seasoning in France. They are fully equipped and supplied—and Baker has taken every possible precaution to protect, so far as is humanly possible, their health and their chances to come back home when the war is won.

The real reason Secretary Baker refused to let Roosevelt go to France in command of an American army was not political. He didn't question either Roosevelt's patriotism or his sincerity. But Baker felt that he was personally responsible for the fullest possible protection of every American soldier who went to France. He didn't want their lives risked in a spectacular but unaided and unimpaired exploits of heroism. He determined that they would go over there in charge of the very best and most experienced leaders in the army. So General Pershing was the first commander sent to France. Political generals will stay at home.

None of the delays in getting either rifles or machine guns has interfered with the original program. No American army was expected to go on to the firing line before the spring of 1918. The allies didn't expect it. Everything will be done according to schedule—everything our soldiers need will be on hand in abundance before it is needed. They will have the best rifles, the best machine guns, the best munitions, the best clothing, the best food, the best shelter, the best ship, the war department can get.

The relatives and friends of our soldiers in France should not permit politicians to frighten them. The truth will all come out, and it will prove that our secretaries of war have refused to let budgets as such be political pressure from his understanding of his duty to the American soldier abroad.

The present flurry is a political plot that has been hatching for months. It is being hatched by newspapers and politicians who seek to promote the political fortunes of Theodore Roosevelt and the military fortunes of Roosevelt's army pet and personal friend, General Leonard Wood—who, incidentally, was receptive candidate for the republican presidential nomination in 1916.

The game is to try to besmirch Baker, to drive him from the cabinet, and to force President Wilson to form a coalition cabinet, with Roosevelt, or somebody he picks, as secretary of war, and with General Leonard Wood at the head of the army.

It is not backed or supported by such republicans as ex-President Taft and Judge Hughes. It is a plot of the wing of the progressive party which, under the leadership of Perkins and Roosevelt, betrayed the real progressives in 1916.

N. D. COCHRAN.

MEN WHO OPPOSE OUR ALLIES ARE PRO-GERMAN

BY HERBERT QUICK

United States Farm Loan Commissioner

A pro-German is a man who, by private or public utterances, stands in the way of a whole-hearted prosecution of this war and the defeat of the German will to conquer.

He may do it by finding fault with the conduct of the war. He may do it by impracticable peace arguments. He may do it through a mistaken policy. He may do it because he is in the pay of the German government. He may do it because he has been befuddled and bamboozled by those who are in Germany's pay.

The German will to expansion by conquest must not be broken by defeat. If the Germans will not be broken, the war will not give us peace. In all the history of the world there never existed a conquering nation less fit to rule others than are the Germans. This is true because the German policy is brutal, so cruel, so scientifically exterminating. In the streets of every town in German Poland children are falling and dying of starvation. Children 8 to 13 years of age are being carried through the streets by their parents because they are too weak to walk. The policy of starvation. The Poles are being exterminated as fast as possible by the Germans just as the Armenians—the oldest Christian nation in the world—are being exterminated by the Germans and Turks. Why? Because Germany wants the property of the Poles for Germans after the war; and because they want the property of the Armenians for the Turks and Germans after the war.

Their will can and must be broken by defeat. It is not the will of the individual German. It is the bloody, brutal, cruel, devilish will of the German government and the German ruling class, miseducated in the school which believes that

war is the summation of human good.

A pro-German is anyone who stands in the way of our successful prosecution of the war. Every word that falls from the tongue of any American or is written by him carries with it a responsibility greater than ever existed in the history of this nation. Look well to what you say or do.

Germany has in this country hundreds of papers printed in the German tongue. Whether this ought to be or not is a grave question. If any of these papers are loyal, I do not know of them. Some of them may be, but I have not heard of them.

These and other papers and many individuals say they are for America, but none of them say they are against Germany.

He who is for us is against Germany. He who is not against Germany is against us. This is not for America.

You can tell the pro-German by another test: If he is against France, or against Italy, or against Russia, he is pro-German.

The armies and navies of these powers are fighting our fight. They are dying by thousands every day to make the world safe for democracy. If we win, we must win because they do most of the fighting and dying, while we only do some of it.

The enemy of Great Britain is pro-German.

The enemy of Russia is pro-German and antidemocratic.

The enemy of Italy is against America.

The enemy of France is lost to every claim of patriotism.

Do not let these pro-Germans poison the atmosphere in your locality by slandering our allies without challenge. It is time to call down the man who fights against our armies with tongue or pen, no matter what flag those armies are fighting under.

Words are things. In such a crisis they are dreadful things, portentous things, things which cannot be allowed to pass as of no account.

Germany is penetrating every country of the world with her hired spies and traitors. She disorganized the Russian army through traitors after the revolution. She knew the plan of Russian battle beforehand through traitors. She has filled this country with spies and traitors. She has financed the I. W. W. without a doubt. She has destroyed property and debauched our citizens.

Is there any American who does not long for peace? Not one! Neither is there a Briton or Frenchman or Italian or Russian. But it must not be a German peace, leaving the great spoils in the center of his belt waiting for another chance. It must be a real peace. It must be made with the German people or with a ruined Heinen-zollern—one or the other. But he who talks peace as if he only longs for it, as if he only were commissioned to make peace, must want a different sort of peace from the sort we must have. Distrust him. He may be sincere, but he may not be.

The world has in the past been conquered by traitors—often than it was ever conquered by arms. The Mexican people fought each other into slavery in Spain. Let us not be bought by German gold into slavery to Germany.

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REAL ESTATE NOTES

LOCAL BUILDING ACTIVITIES

BUILDING

PERMITS FOR THE WEEK

VERY LITTLE BUILDING GOING ON HERE

This week has been the smallest in the year as far as the issuing of building permits is concerned at city hall. Up to yesterday morning there had not been one permit issued, although a couple of residents of the city had called at city hall with plans for the erection of a couple of large dwelling houses. In the afternoon, however, two permits were granted.

The permits issued were as follows: Thomas Faff, for the erection of an automobile shed 14 by 18 feet at 35 Circuit avenue at a cost of \$100. Pierre Morin for the construction of a three-story piazza 4 by 12 feet at 510 Moody street at a cost of \$100. Ebel Greenberg, a local contractor, called at the office of the inspector of buildings at city hall this week and informed the clerk of the department that he was planning the erection of a nine-tenement building at the corner of Thorndike street and Madison street.

Each tenement will contain five rooms with pantry and bath and the building will be three stories high. The permit for the erection of the building will not be issued until next week. Another prospective builder, Michael N. Quealey, also called at city hall and told of plans for additions and alterations to a building at 55-57 Branch street. The building is now a two and a half-story structure and contains two tenements. After the proposed changes have been made the building will contain five, five-room tenements. The cost of the work will be about \$5,000. This permit will also be granted later.

REAL ESTATE DEALERS

Thomas H. Elliott, real estate broker, officers 64 Central street, corner Prescott, reports the following transfer negotiated during the past week: Through this office has been negotiated one of the largest and most interesting of the real estate transactions of the current season. The property involved is situated on the southerly side of Hildreth street and amounts to well over a quarter of a million square feet. The grantors in the transfer are the trustees of Princeton university.

who acquired title from the late Isaac C. Wyman. This property has been owned for a great many years past by the late Mr. Wyman and is a portion of the great bequest mounting up into millions left by him to Princeton university. The house on the premises is extremely old and is one of the landmarks of this section of the city. The total assessment on the property is \$16,500.

The grantee in the transaction is the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the purchasing body being the Homestead commission. Under the provisions of a recent act of the legislature, this commission has chosen Lowell as the location wherein is to be demonstrated the possibilities in the erection of workmen's homes. Already on this site has been commenced construction work on several of these dwellings. Great interest on the part of economists throughout the country is evidenced in this work, which is the first of its kind to be undertaken in the United States.

Paul A. Bogossian, real estate broker, office 218 Bradley building, 147 Central street, reports the following sale for the past week:

Final papers have been passed in the sale of a farm property situated in Phoenix road. This property, which consists of a five-room house, barn and hen house, lies in North Billerica and is located within easy distance of car line. The area of the land involved amounts to over 13 acres. The land for the most part is tillage. This transfer is affected on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. J. Duffy of Billerica. The grantees are J. Silva and J. Lobac of this city.

Parties are bonded for the transfer of a two-tenement house with 2458 feet of land in Liberty street. Detailed report of this sale will be made upon recording of final papers.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

For the Week Ending Dec. 25, 1917

LOWELL
Robert G. Bartlett to Fred Lavigne, land and buildings on Suffolk street and 87 feet from Moody street.
Children's Home, Lowell, to City of Lowell, land and buildings on Kirk street.

Edwin A. Lynde et ux. to Domingos E. Veiro et ux., land and buildings on B street.
Edward M. Gilman et ux. to John Whiting et ux., land and buildings on Ludian street.

Louis V. Keramidas to Felipeas E. Apostolou et al., land and buildings on Worthen street.
John M. Duff et ux. to Lyon Carpet Co., Lowell, land on West Adams street.

John Manticas to Krotokritos Alex Manticas et al., land and buildings on Willie street and passageway.
Henry Runcles et ux. to Charles E. Witham, land on Princeton street.

Margaret W. Merrill et al. to City of Lowell, land on Old Ferry Road, Varnum avenue and Pawtucket boulevard.
Cordelia Perron et al. to Arthur Payette, land on Moody street.

Aaron Crosby et al. to Manuel Espinola, land and buildings on Charles street.
Lizzie F. Kimball et al. to Manuel Espinola, land and buildings on Charles street.

Alfred T. Cates, et ux. to Morris J. Shapiro, land on Nichols street.
James E. Burke, tr. to Eugene B. Hamilton, land.

Jose da Cunha Silva et ux. to Joseph E. Duffy et ux., land and buildings on Wamelet and Back streets.
Stephen E. Duff et ux. to John Purcell, land on Tanner, Plain and Brook streets.

BILLERICA
Florence W. Darling et al. to Mary W. Hart, land on Chestnut avenue, Chelmsford and Billerica and Bedford and Billerica roads.

Billerica Realty Trust Co. by tr. to Waelon Lach et al., land at Highlands, Suburban Land Co., Inc., Boston, to Andrew J. Pigott, land at Nuttings Lake Park annex.

Chas. L. Phillips to Thomas Sullivan, land northwest of Raugeway road, Suburban Land Co., Inc., Boston, to Andrew J. Pigott, land at Nuttings Lake Park annex.

Stephen Duff et ux. to Jose da Cunha Silva et al., land and buildings on Chelmsford and Billerica road and road to Lowell and Billerica road.
Clarence A. Bowman et al. to Thomas T. Sidelink, land on road to Middlebury turnpike and Old Ferry road.

James E. Burke, tr. to Eugene B. Hamilton, land at Pinehurst Manor.
Billerica Realty Trust Co. by tr. to Peter Rudy, land on Prospect road.
Suburban Land Co., Inc., Boston, to Julia J. Cronin, land at Nutting Lake Park extension.

CHELMSFORD
Rachel E. Gregg to Joseph Daigle et ux., land and buildings on old road to Chelmsford.
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LYON FINDS KING ALBERT IS WHAT WE IN U. S. CALL A "REGULAR FELLOW"



KING ALBERT

WITH THE BELGIAN ARMY IN WESTERN BELGIUM, Dec.—As we would say in America, King Albert of Belgium is a "regular fellow."

Of course, now, during the war, every Belgian throws his hat in the air with genuine enthusiasm at the mere mention of the king's name, but even before the war he was intensely popular with all classes.

The question of a republican form of government was being agitated by a group of Belgian politicians before the war, but they prefaced their platform with this declaration:

"Of course, we want Albert to be president of the republic."

I've been hearing a great deal about King Albert during my stay with the Belgian army and my conclusion is that he takes little or no stock in this kind of business as a social proposition. He doesn't now, and never did, care a hang about court formalities.

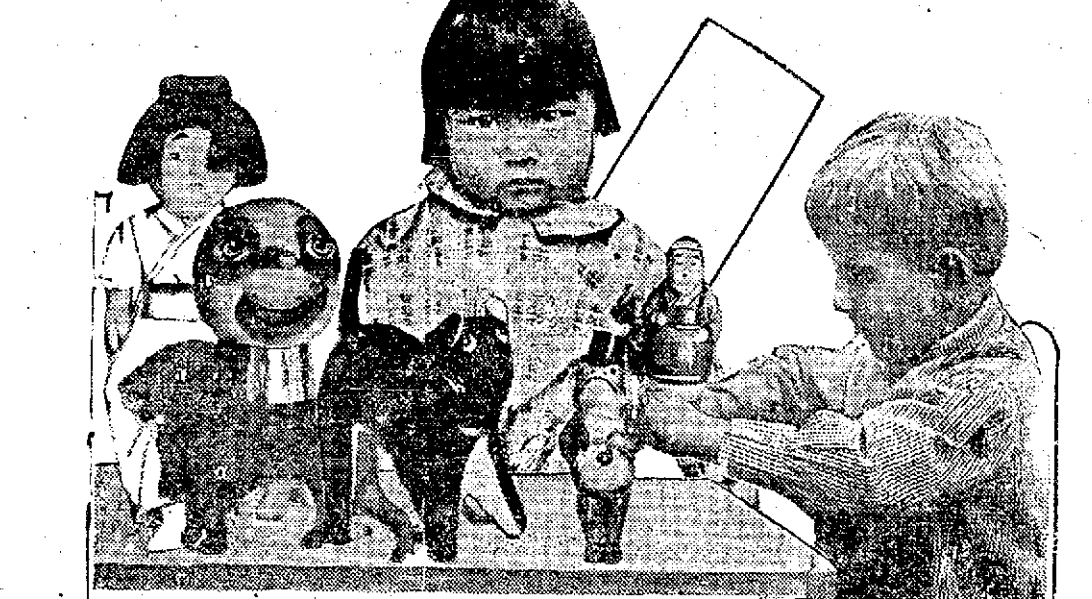
On the other hand, he goes on the theory that he belongs to the people instead of the people belonging to him.

If King Albert lived in America he'd be a democrat with a small "d."

There is hardly a week that King Albert doesn't go into the front line trenches of the Belgian front and fraternize with his soldiers.

Instead of being awe-struck by his presence, the soldiers crowd around

JAPS SEND SANTA CLAUS, AS WORLD'S GREATEST DIPLOMAT, TO COURT OF AMERICA'S CHILDHOOD



Here's the new bridge across the Pacific, frail but durable. As the little American boy plays with his Japanese toys must he not be good friends with the black-haired Nipponese miss who is standing behind the table watching him, and whose father made the pretty gifts Santa Claus brought?

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 27.—Japan has recognized in Santa Claus the world's most able diplomat.

And she's using him as such to the court of American childhood.

His mission is to implant in the heart of every boy and girl in this country a friendly regard and interest for the people of the Flowery Kingdom across the Pacific.

He's doing it this Yuletide with the new Japanese toys—bright, quaint playthings being turned out by the million in the factories of Tokyo, the new capital of the Christmas realm.

The wise men of the Orient know that the tree grows as the twig is bent; that the link of a haubie between the youngsters of America and Nippon today is likely to become a firm bond between the grown-ups tomorrow.

So they've put statecraft with woodcraft into Santa's big pack.

Already the heaven is at work in every American city and in almost every American home where curious, slant-eyed Japanese dolls, weird animals that never lived on land or sea, make their appearance.

They have a story to tell of a prince who was a soldier in your ranks. Take him and make him one of you.

Princes Leopold became a private and for two years now he has been "doing his bit."

The queen of the Belgians is also beloved by her people, although she was of German birth. From the very start of the war there has never been a question of her loyalty and devotion to the allied cause.

Time after time she has risked her life ministering to the wounded. She personally oversees hospitals and has established a number of refuge stations and schools for Belgian children.

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SIGHTLESS EYES THAT SEE CLEARLY

If those who have eyes but see not could see as much as Mrs. Emma E. Riches, of Salt Lake City, sees with her sightless eyes the American pacifist, a fast dwindling species, would already be as extinct as the dodo.

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MISS FRANCESCA ROTOLI,
Who Will Appear in a Congenial Role in the Coming Play at
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\$25 FOR TITLE TO OFFERING PRESENTED BY THE EMERSON PLAYERS

A play without a name! That is the week's presentation by the New Emerson Players at the Opera House, and \$25 awaits the person who gives it a title. Every patron who attends one of the week's performances will have an opportunity of winning the coveted prize. Think it over and talk it over with your friends and neighbors and then come and try out your judgment and ability. It's certainly worth trying.

The play is considered by well-known theatrical critics along Broadway, N. Y., as one of the best creations of the kind that the present-day stage has to offer. They have "looked it over" and unanimously put their stamp of approval on it. It has all of the elements that go in the making of a genuinely good stock offering. The author has provided for sufficient action to suit the tastes of all, while the love interest it has, the pleasant sprinkling of happy romance, together with the clever injection of humor and interesting characters all contribute to its rare value as a really remarkable production. And what makes it all the more interesting is the fact that some Lowell patron is going to be allowed the privilege of giving it a name. A rare privilege indeed, and one that is not offered to every theatrical centre. Theatre folk who will be interested in giving the piece a title should remember that a short, snappy name that is applicable is preferable to a lengthy one. However, bear in mind at all times that this rule applies only when everything else balances.

The management has decided to have a committee named that will select the title, and the person whose selection will not only carry with it the privilege of attaching a title to the play, but also a prize of \$25. Every one attending any of the performances will be given a slip of paper on which to write the title and name and address of the writer, which will be collected and turned over to the committee. Announcement of the winner will be made at Monday night's performance of the following week. Think over this offer and then figure if you can afford to miss it. Your neighbor surely won't, why should you?

Incident to the "christening" of the piece, it might be said that, judging from the rehearsals that have been going on during the past week, the Emerson Players will find it one of the most congenial stock offerings in which they have appeared this season. Mr. Dumbrell, whose success in the musical comedy, "The Man Who Owns Broadway," has made him one of the biggest favorites of any stock season, will be particularly good in his role, while Miss Rotoli, Miss Hall, Miss McLeod and the others will also be seen to advantage. The stage settings are also up to the standard and perfection of past productions. Director Carroll Daly will find rare opportunity to display his artistic accomplishments and he promises to give us his best efforts along these lines.

The usual generous offer for Monday afternoon and night's performances will be made for the coming week. At the matinee performance every lady occupying a reserved seat will be eligible for a prize calling for any \$25 suit or coat from the stock of

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MARY GARDEN
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romantic tale of the sea and of men who are strong passionate, despise weaklings and who live by the creed that might is right. All do except one who kills another that the honor of a woman might be saved. Surrounding this startling feature are many others which need to be seen to be appreciated.

Can a woman find that she still loves a man who has wronged accused and publicly humiliated her when she discovers that the man really believed her guilty? This is the problem that gives a new and tense turn to the "love interest" in "The Primal Lure," a Triangle play starring W. S. Hart, at the Owl theatre on Wednesday and Thursday.

Any woman who has endured the lash of a cruel and false accusation will sympathize with Louise La Moynie, the youthful heroine of this play of the far northwest. Seeking to leave a little gift, the work of her own hands, in the desk of the man whom she secretly loves, she is seized by that man, who is her lover, and thrust into prison before the eyes of everyone she knows.

But justice has a hearing and how it comes about is told best in this picture at the Owl on Wednesday and Thursday. In addition to this splendid feature and others, "Pearl White" will appear in the latest episode of the thrilling serial, "The Fatal Ring," which grows deeper in plot and intrigue each week. Not many episodes remain and everyone should see them while they can. E. K. Lincoln, the famous star will appear in the latest instalment of the powerful series, "The Grey Seal." A comedy and other plays will also be shown. On the last two days of the week many interesting and entertaining pictures lavishly produced will be shown at the Owl and everyone should decide now to take them in.

DENMAN THOMPSON'S "OLD HOMESTEAD" HEADS WEEK'S PICTURES AT THE CROWN

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STRONG TRIANGLE FEATURES ON THE BILL AT THE OWL THEATRE

Vivian Martin will be a headliner at the Sunday concert of the Owl theatre in an appealing role in her feature release, "The Arrival of Perpetua." It is difficult to say in which form of histrionic art Miss Martin excels. Because of her versatility there is no kind of a role in which she does not please. In this play, however, she is given ample opportunity to demonstrate her ability in humorous as well as pathetic situations and for that reason her appearance in this play and her acting is of the most remarkable sort. Surrounding this feature are many others of like merit, they vary in theme from comedy to the most melodramatic and include the Mutual Weekly of important and current events. Good solid Sunday entertainment will be found at the Owl theatre. A splendid bill has been arranged for presentation at the Owl theatre on Monday and Tuesday. One of the features is a Triangle which is replete with many tense and thrilling situations, starring Monte Blue and Claire McDowell. The title of this attraction which is one of many on the bill, is "The Ship of Doom," an adventurous

In the latest episode of the patriotic serial "Pearl of the Army" at the Crown on the last two days of the week. A comedy and other excellent attractions will also be presented to the delight of all.

BIG TRIPLE FEATURE BILL OF PICTURES AT THE MERRIMACK SQUARE

This week's bill of picture plays starting with the Sunday concert at the Merrimack Square theatre will trim by far any list of plays ever shown at any house in Lowell. Every day of the week is a strong day and holds a rare treat for every theatre-goer in Lowell. A special big double Sunday concert has been arranged and the celebrities to appear are James J. Corbett, the famous pugilistic champion and Arthur Ashley. The dauntless hero of the squared ring who fought with his fist his way to prominence and was later "discovered" to be as clever before the camera as in the ring, will be enjoyed at the Sunday concert in the leading role of his gripping feature play, "The Other Girl." His appearance in Lowell affords everyone a chance to see this hero whose name is synonymous with clean manly boxing. Equally entertaining is Arthur Ashley who is given the leading role in the powerful play, "Bought" which is another feature on the same Sunday bill which will be presented continuously Sunday afternoon and evening. Comedies and other plays will also be shown.

The first half of the special three feature program starts with the opening matinee Monday and continues with the closing performance Wednesday evening. Margaret Clark will appear in a delectable role in the imaginative romance, "Seven Swans" in which she eclipses all her previous records of entertainment. The part which is hers in this play fits her genius with glove-fitting perfection and adds to her wealth of laurels. The second feature for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday is "The Skylight Room," another of those gripping, human nature stories by that master delineator of the human mind, O. Henry. In his characteristically appealing way he tells of the struggles for existence of a young girl who of necessity hires the cheapest room of a cheap lodging house and the fortunes which befall her. Feature number three is the howling comedy feature, "The Bluebird," starring Ethel Tetre and the only other tears connected with this comedy are in the eyes of the audiences which are caused by excessive laughter over the indescribably funny situations which persistently arise throughout the play. Following this big bill is the list of big pictures for Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Wallace Reid, the stalwart, mainly hero of "The Woman God Forgave" will appear in an equally powerful role in the five act feature of the western plains where a man has to be a man. "Nan of Music Mountain" another latter-half-of-the-week attraction is "Bucking Broadway," starring Harry Carey and the third attraction is a new one by his comical highness, Charlie Chaplin entitled "The Adventurer." Here is a tip worth heeding; don't miss one of these big plays—they're all corkers.

JESSE LASKY PRODUCTION HEADS SUNDAY'S ENTERTAINMENT AT JEWELL THEATRE

A Jesse Lasky production heads the program at the Jewell theatre for this week's Sunday entertainment, in which he presents Charlotte Walker in the Paramount picture entitled, "Out of Darkness."

Miss Walker is a most charming photogenic actress who may be seen at her best when playing in drama. In this picture she has ample opportunity to display her talent, it being one of the intensely interesting kind that holds you in suspense until the very end. The title practically tells the story of this stirring photo drama, and it can only be appreciated by seeing it all on the screen.

Another instalment of the authentic war pictures will be shown, illustrating "The Battle of Somme." These pictures are very thrilling, and give an excellent idea of what the war of the nations really is. On the same bill may be seen the latest set of the Universal Newsreel, weekly and many other good pictures.

Coming for Monday and Tuesday only is a tremendous production entitled, "Over Here." This is the great achievement of the century, showing how a virgin forest was made into a military city for 40,000 of our boys in just 52 days. Just think of it, a forest to a city almost over night. It shows 10,000 men, 5000 horses, 1000 auto



FRANCIS X. BUSHMAN and BEVERLY BAYNE
in "THE VOICE OF CONSCIENCE"

At The Strand Next Week, Thursday, Friday and Saturday

trucks all at top speed, helping to win the war. You can see in this picture what it would have taken to win the war in the process of construction. It's wonderful. Added to this will be Dustin Farnum in "Durand of the Bad Lands," the third episode of the Paramount serial, "Who Is Number One," and many others.

PATHE GOLD ROOSTER PLAY STARRING GLADYS HULETTE AT ROYAL THEATRE SUNDAY

"Pots and Pans Peggie" is Gladys Hulette's best picture to date. Charming, clean, full of human interest, pathos, humor, quaint, whimsical touches and thrills. It will be shown Sunday only at the Royal.

Like "The Shine Girl," "Prudence, the Pirate" and "Her New York," it is written by Agnes C. Johnston. All of these Gladys Hulette pictures can be shown to any audience any day. They are wholesome and are the best argument against screen censorship that could be heard.

"Pots and Pans Peggie" is a wonderful human interest story about a little Irish girl who had to support her brothers and sisters by "working out" by her big heart, shrewd common sense and native dexterity, she brings order into a disordered household, reforms the erring son, aids the daughter to win the man she loves, foils a villainous millionaire, recovers the government papers stolen by him and wins for herself a husband of her own kind.

The bare synopsis cannot tell the story. It has laughs, tears and thrills and the splendid cast supporting Gladys Hulette includes Wayne Ray as her chauffeur-lover, George Mario and Kathryn Adams.

The press and public of the entire country agree with the local verdict that the Pathe pictures in which Gladys Hulette has been seen are a kind we want produced on our screens. Shown in conjunction with the Pathe release, is "The House of Shadows," a new five-part picture, in which a story of unbounded interest is disclosed. Added attractions are the Mutual Pictorial Weekly News, a new comedy and some others. Both the feature pictures are shown for the first time in Lowell—no repeats on the Sunday programs at the Royal. The usual prices will prevail—plus war tax.

"THE VOLUNTEER" AND THEDA BARA IN "DU BARRY" AT THE STRAND

The coming week's offering at The Strand is bigger and better than ever before. Such a claim seems almost beyond reason, considering the past programs that have marked the presentation at this handsome playhouse, but such is the fact. Just think over what is to be shown during the first three days of the week: Theda Bara in "Du Barry" and a host of the world's greatest screen stars in the presentation of "The Volunteer." Even Wm. J. Brady himself, director general of the World Film Corporation, is listed among those appearing in the cast, and besides him are Lowell's most popular screen stars, Miss Elvidge and Mr. Love.

The great William Fox photoplay, "Du Barry," in which Theda Bara does her most brilliant work, will be one of the features for the first of the week. This play is the most wonderful of its kind that has ever been presented on the film. All that Miss Bara has done only gives a suggestion of the charm and elaborateness of this great production. One of the many happy and enjoyable features of the presentation is the dresses that the star wears during the progress of the piece. They were specially designed by her after long consultation with experts on the period of Louis XV. Every one of them is a study of the art or womanly adornment, and is a thing of beauty in itself. Miss Bara has discovered and revealed a thousand little details of the womanly

toilette which will be immensely interesting to every woman. They are revealed on the screen in a most fascinating way, and add materially to the attractiveness of the production. There are myriads of gorgeous scenes, each filled with brilliancy and charm.

Never before has there been such a gathering of screen stars engaged in a single production as will be introduced in "The Volunteer," which is to be another of the big features on the big bill. Madge Evans, said by some to be the superior to the world-renowned Mary Pickford in many of her childish interpretations; Henry Hull, Kitty Gordon, Ethel Clayton, our own Montague Love and June Elvidge and last but not least William A. Brady himself, director general of the World Film Corporation. Lowell lovers of the screen are particularly fortunate in having the opportunity of seeing such a collection of stars in one production. Every citizen will enjoy the honor and it is only through the special efforts of the management that the presentation was secured for local presentation.

Besides the above there will be the usual Vitaphone comedy and the Strand Revue of current events of the week. The latter is always interesting, to say nothing of its educational value. The Strand Symphony players with Arthur J. Mayel conductor and Henry Kelley, the tenor soloist who has won genuine favor during the past week, will play a return engagement the coming week.

For the last three days of the week the bill will introduce these general favorites, Francis Bushman and Beverly Bayne in the live-act wonderplay, "The Voice of Conscience," in which both stars are seen in particular advantage. June Caprice in "Unknown 274," a wonderfully strange story of the adventures of an orphan girl in a big city, with all of the heart thrills and love interest, will also be shown. The comedy and Strand Revue will also be new.

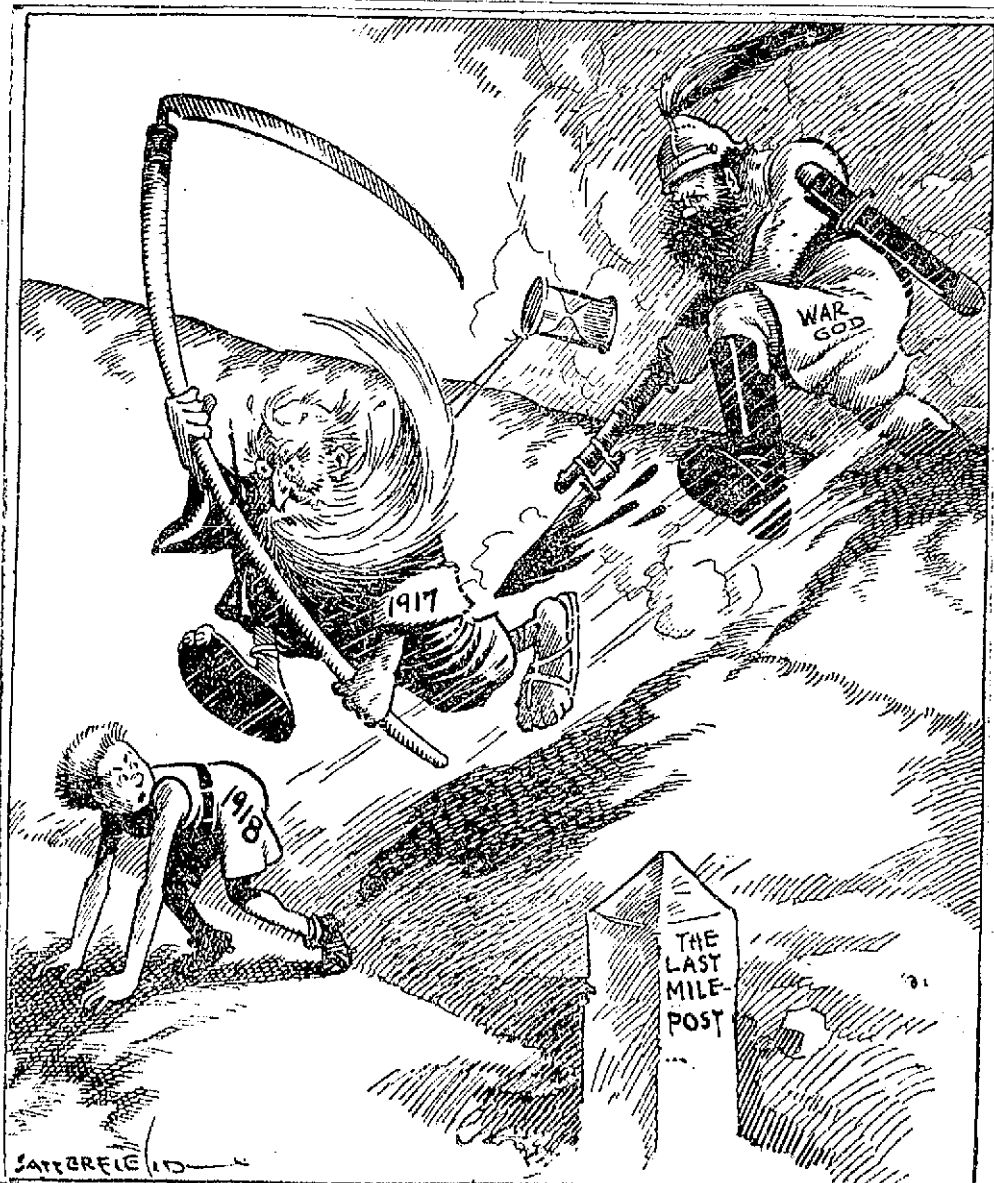
Special attention is directed to the usual high-class Sunday entertainment, consisting of ten reels of the latest photo-plays and five acts of refined amusement. Come early and avoid disappointment. Capacity audiences testify to the popularity of the programs being given by the management.

On Monday afternoon only William A. Brady, director general of the World Film Corporation, will present in person Henry Hull, the screen star, who is at present engaged in one of the principal roles of the stage production, "The Man Who Came Back," now playing at Wilbur theatre, Boston. Mr. Hull is one of the stars in "The Volunteer," which is being shown at The Strand the first three days of the week. You may see him in real life and real life, on the same stage, the same day. A novelty for Lowell patrons.

WOMEN SMOKE IN MANY PUBLIC PLACES IN GREAT BRITAIN

LONDON, December — The conduct of young women who smoke in the subway, the moving picture theatres and other play-houses where it is allowed, is gradually putting smoking out of fashion among English women of refined sensibilities. It is accomplishing more than a recent semi-official entreaty to women to give up smoking in order that the men at the front may have more "fags." The women declared, in reply, that they were doing as much war work as the men and should not be the ones to make any sacrifices.

If there is anything in the pot when a gambling place is raided it may be applied to the costs and fines of the owners of the money. Atty. Gen. McGehee of Ohio rules in effect. He holds that money taken by the authorities in gambling raids cannot be turned over to police relief funds or city treasuries unless one year elapses in which the owner does not claim it.



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STYLES FOR THE STYLISH—HINTS FOR HOUSEKEEPERS—TIPS ON PRESERVING FOOD—WHAT WOMEN ARE DOING

WOMAN'S YEAR—1918—HER CONSCIENCE AND AFFECTIONS COMBINED IN SERVICE AND SACRIFICE FOR MAN



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VANITY FAIR.

BY WINONA WILSON.

"I'm glad for once that I'm a woman. Women are not in the war!"

The speaker was a beauty and she had a delightful home, background and two motor cars and a chocolate Chow, but no children. She would have been conspicuous all her life as the very charming wife of a rich man, had not the war come along to reveal her selfishness and shallowness.

Scarcely a year ago she belonged to the country's most envied class of fine ladies. Now she doesn't count at all! The busy world isn't paying the least attention to her petty personal vanities.

She and her kind are altogether out of touch with the time, for the year 1918 opens as Woman's year, with woman not only very much in the war, but in every other human activity.

The economical privileges and duties which feminists have sought for

their sex for years have come to them in a night. Each woman is slipping into her own special sphere as a matter of course, so that a great revolution is being accomplished with scarcely a ripple on the swirl of world events.

It is a truly democratic revolution, with equal honors for equal endeavor. Leaders there are, women who show others, how to do big things—the humorous Dr. Shaw, backed by the woman of the voting states; Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt in the vanguard of the rich who finance a wonderful system of war relief; Mrs. George T. Guernsey, regent of the D.A.R., an organization devoted to patriotism, and the clever Miss Tarbell, who can explain home economics to a debutante, or make taxation and the tariff clear to a congressman.

And for every leader, the New Year offers thousands of unnamed volunteers studying Red Cross methods, and millions of modest energetic housewives bent on saving babies and food and sugar and wool, and an army of head-headed business girls and factory women, privates in the great home guard, each assuming her share of woman's new burdens without complaint, and each with her portion of glory for good work well done.

Unknown or famous, woman will find 1918 the greatest of all her years since history was written simply because she is no longer content to trust her life to chance, to let things happen to her.

She moves, now, according to a plan—but it is still man's plan.

She stops buying beef on Tuesday's at the government suggestion—while

Famous and unknown women whose labors for Columbia are of equal worth (upper row): Dr. Anna Shaw, suffragist with greatest vision of woman's future; Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, representative society woman in war relief work; Miss Ida Tarbell, writer on economics, big-brained, but caring little for the vote; Mrs. George T. Guernsey, regent of D.A.R., patriotic organization; (lower row) any one of millions of energetic wives who "carry on" at home; any one of thousands of unnamed Red Cross workers; any one of an army of bright business girls, running her own or a man's job.

food profiteers are deaf to government pleading and warnings. She knits millions of socks for soldiers—while greed balks the collection and distribution of much-needed army supplies.

Contrary to all prophecies of what woman would do with greater freedom, she does not array herself against man, but with power to do much as she chooses for herself, she decides almost unanimously to labor devotedly for man.

She is bent on completing his work, now as always since the beginning of time.

"As unto the bow the cord is, So unto the man is woman; Though she bends him, she obeys him. Though she draws him, yet she follows."

Woman's year finds her meeting the most acute needs of the world's crucial hour with her conscience and her affections combined in service and sacrifice for man.

The woman who fancies that she "is not in the war" somehow might as well not be living at all in 1918.

"WHITE HOUSE BABY" TO BE WAR BRIDE

MISS ESTHER CLEVELAND

Miss Esther Cleveland, the "White House Baby," is to become the war bride of Captain Alfred Bosanquet of the British army.

Miss Cleveland is 24. The romance began three years ago in



Switzerland. The two met again after Miss Cleveland had gone to London, 18 months ago, to do war nursing. A few weeks ago the captain was invalided home from the front and sent to St. Dunstan's Home for Blind Soldiers to have his eyesight remedied. Miss Cleveland was doing volunteer work there. Announcement of the engagement followed. Captain Bosanquet has been decorated with the Distinguished Service Order for gallantry.

FURRY COAT FOILS JANUARY SHIVERS

BY BETTY BROWN

NEW YORK—If one wore this delightful fur-trimmed coat the cold could be defied, for this charming garment achieves what is so difficult



in a bulky winter coat, both grace and warmth.

This coat is of taupe duresyn and the fur trimming which is so vastly popular this year is applied in unique manner—broad bands on the collar and down the front and four narrow bands encircling the hem. There is no fur on the sleeve and the heavy silk cord makes both for ornament and lightness. The hat is of the same fur, moleskin, and there is an odd trimming of chenille and feathers.

SPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR WINTER SPORT

BY BETTY BROWN

NEW YORK—The clinging vine and bathhouse plant type of woman has almost completely vanished from the earth, in her stead has come a



healthy, happy, vivacious person full of the zest of life and loving winter skating, coasting and tramping as well as summer tennis and rowing.

For this rose-checked out-of-door girl is shown here a rose-colored sporting coat and cap of soft, blanket-warm wool, and with it is worn a dark wool skirt and very high, heavy laced boots of leather. The warm color and snug comfort of this sport suit is a real temptation to winter exercise.

WOMAN'S LIQUID-FIRE INVENTION WAR'S MOST DESTRUCTIVE MISSILE



Special to The Sun

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec.—"It was the heavy scum of hell!"

"Sprayed upon us as we crawled from our dug-outs when the shelling ceased, it burned the writhing forms of my comrades to a char in a few seconds. Others were screaming and falling everywhere."

"There was a violent hissing and a blinding, ghastly light, with tongues of flame licking through the trenches."

"I had stumbled into a crater filled with mud, and that accident saved me from the German's most horrible weapon. Coated with clay, I was badly scorched but otherwise uninjured by the thing that did for my males."

"But the mud was baked as if I'd been in a kiln, and it was with difficulty cut away by hospital attendants."

"It is the greatest of battle horrors."

Such is a seasoned soldier's testimony about liquid fire used by the Germans on the west front.

Today the U. S. army is testing a newly invented chemical-fire projectile whose destructive power is said to be far greater than any now being used in Europe and which may soon be hurled against the Hun who eluded to fight with the scum of hell."

Perfect by Frederick C. Cook and his wife, of Seattle, Wash., the shell has aroused enthusiastic approval from government officials who watched secret demonstrations.

Here are claims made for the projectile by its inventors:

It will cause greater loss of life and property than anything now being used in the war.

Costs only \$25 to construct.

Can be dropped from airplanes, and fired from siege guns or smaller ordnance.

Airplane shells contain 10 gallons of the chemical-fire, and gun shells 25 gallons.

Explodes automatically upon striking the ground, scattering its blazing death over a wide area.

The Germans first used liquid fire by spraying it through nozzles, at necessarily close range.

Later, crude containers were devised which scattered their blistering breath upon contact with the ground.

The vast superiority claimed for

the Cook projectile is that it can be hurled with accuracy at comparatively long range from guns—a far sturdier in flame warfare.

"I claim one of these land shells will destroy everything within an area of four city blocks," asserts Cook. "An entire village and its occupants can be erased within a few minutes."

Mrs. Cook has worked with her husband for over a year to make the new terror the quintessence of destructiveness.

"I have given my brains and energy to it in the hope that such an infammable projectile will help end the war quickly in victory for the United States and the allies," she explained.

"Better make it short and terrible than to prolong the agonies through years."

"I believe that with the use of this kind of liquid flame America can do more in 60 days than has been done by the allies in the past three years."

"I have coddled and nurtured this thing—stroking a glistening shell—as another woman might have cared for a child. I have wanted to make it the perfect death-dealer so that peace and security and liberty for all the world might come the sooner."

A miniature liquid-fire shell exploded during army tests produced the above conflagration. The charge

was dropped from a tree, igniting an acre of ground. Inset are Frederick C. Cook and Mrs. Cook, inventors of the new flame projectile.

FLAME MISSILES USED IN WAR SINCE MAN CLEFT FROM CAVE

In Italy, where the Kaiser broke through for the most spectacular drive of the war by employing liquid fire, the German hosts may soon get a staggering baptism of the same nature.

In fact, liquid fire will probably be the great and perhaps deciding feature of the war in 1918.

Meantime modern armies on all fronts are using the 20th century perfection of ancient flame devices employed on these very fields in the dim beginnings of history.

As long ago as the conquest of Babylon by Cyrus, Belshazzar's soldiers hurled burning oil on the invaders from the city wall.

Archimedes, the Greek inventor, utilized the sun's fire, concentrated to a blade of heat by mirrors to destroy the Roman fleet at the siege of Syracuse.

Even in the cave age, primal man rolled hot stones from the hillside upon his enemies.

The modern has simply learned how to hurl blazing liquid from his cannon.

charine has none. Therefore the use of saccharine in food products cheats the consumer out of a valuable constituent which the system craves.

The continued use of saccharine in foodstuffs may lead to fermentative dyspepsia, nephritis and other diseases. It acts as a protoplasmic poison and restrains the salivary and pancreatic ferments.

Health Questions Answered

Mrs. C. H. K. asks: "Is it true that worry has an effect on one's physical powers or health?"

Yes. Worry actually weakens the heart and helps harden the arteries.

Every household in Italy saves all the odd bits of paper. These are soaked in water and kneaded into balls, then put in the sun to dry. They will serve to give a little heat later on. Walk down a fashionable street in Milan and you will see pyramids of these paper balls in the balconies of the houses of the rich.

FOOD AS FUEL—STROKE THE BODY JUST AS CAREFULLY AS YOUR FURNACE

Food is taken into the human body to produce heat.

The standard of its value is the number of heat units it contains. If too little fuel is taken into the human body an insufficient number of heat units is operated as they are received and it works inefficiently.

If, on the other hand, too great an amount of food is taken the body becomes clogged and works just as inefficiently as if it had not received enough.

The most important thing is to remove promptly all of the waste materials remaining after the food has given up its heat units. If too great an amount of this debris is allowed to remain the fire of the body is in danger of being put out by these poisonous materials.

The elimination of these materials is one of the chief functions of the intestinal canal. One of the requisites of good health is an educated intestinal

tract. This because man in our present state of civilization is obliged to pay particular attention to functions which in a state of nature took care of themselves.

A robust man engaged in active exercise in the open air may commit dietary indiscretions which would be exceedingly harmful to a sedentary worker. Daily exercise is necessary for both.

Plain, wholesome food is just as necessary for the brain worker as for the man who labors with his hands. Above all, both must keep the human furnace well shaken down and without accumulation of ashes and debris in order that the fire of life may burn brightly and steadily.

Health Questions Answered

L. D. asks: "I have been told that smoking a clay pipe might cause cancer of the lip. Is this true?"

Not necessarily unless the practice is carried to excess or irritation of the lips is caused. Constant irritation of the tongue or cheek by broken, jagged teeth or a pipe may, if neglected, terminate in cancer.

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FOR WOMAN AND THE HOME—HINTS FOR THE HOUSEHOLD—LATEST FASHION NOTES—FEMININE FANCIES

IS A "NATIONAL UNIFORM" FOR EVERYBODY ON THE WAY? STANDARDIZED DRESS TO HELP WIN THE WAR—QUESTION IS: TROUSERS, SKIRT OR BOTH? SOME EXPERIMENTS IN ESTABLISHING A UNIFORM FOR WOMEN



Experiments in Uniforms for Women—Left to Right: Modified Dr. Walker Costume; Regulation Kitchen Uniform Adopted by Foodsavers; Similar Style Adapted to Street Dress; Original Greek Standardized Dress; Polymariel or Universal Three-in-One Prize Winning Costume; Schoolgirl's Uniform; Olive Drab Military Garb.

BY WINONA WILCOX

Woman has always standardized her clothes more than she has realized. In any cycle of dress, most of its apparently great differences have been camouflage.

Red dress of its color and strip of its fur-trimmed and its lines would remain straight on hips, or hourglass or bouffantly bustled, according to the date of making.

Woman has always insisted on wearing her skirts long or short, scant or full, just as the designers decide for her. She has left it to the corsetmakers to determine whether her waist should be wasp or nat-

ural, high or low. She has put on silk or wool, cotton or linen, velvet, fur or chiffon, exactly as the commercial interests of the country have dictated.

Therefore any lightning change should be easy for her, even to a national uniform, should war impose that duty.

But probably it will be considerably easier to popularize a standardized wartime frock than it will be to design one.

The classic simplicity of primitive art inspires most dress reformers. An early and artistic type of national feminine attire must be credited to

the Greeks. What is considered an exact reproduction of this ancient universal fashion was woven recently by a group of New York artists. The design is interesting as proving the antiquity of the one-piece dress.

Agitation for dress reform in the United States was begun by Dr. Mary Walker half a century ago. Dr. Walker's idea of a uniform for women was trousers and a frock coat, a modernized version of which leads today's art suggestions.

But no matter what the model may be, the Polymariel, or reversible dress, a woman cannot put it on in the morning and wear it all day, at all

kinds of occupations, in man's care-less way. She must always have one kind of a dress for the kitchen and another for out-of-doors.

The national food conservation authorities recently invented a regulation kitchen garment which fastens with a single button and is conveniently finished with detachable collars and cuffs. This type becomes a very smart dress when developed in cloth with collar and cuffs of fur or velvet.

For which a prize of \$150 was given in a nation-wide contest a year ago recognizes woman's general need of different dresses for different occa-

sions. It is a triplet dress, a three-in-one combination, and it is dull or gay, as it is worn wrong or right side out. By omitting the skirt, it becomes a practical rainy day costume consisting of a Russian coat and trousers.

A true uniform is already in existence in some schools for girls. Whether made up in white cotton for summer or blue serge for winter, its lovely lines follow the figure in a way which suggests the ancient Greek pattern.

If the war actually makes necessary a uniform for woman, it will

doubtless also determine what that garb shall be like. Thousands of women are already wearing olive drab military coats and capes, some with skirts and some with breeches and puttees. The color is compulsory for women who drive ambulances or work in other ways in the war zone. As a war exigency, the color may become fashionable for all civilians, but what the cut of the cloth may be remains the secret of some futurist designer.

A national uniform cannot, however, depart conspicuously from some one of the costumes herewith outlined.

And if thus you persevere, You'll triumph in the end.

"When a work you have begun Let naught your plan defeat. Than a thousand things half done Far better one complete."

"Lives of great men gone are lights That gleam for all mankind. Blazing pathways to the heights, Where true success we find."

LADY LOOKABOUT.

FASHIONS FOR SOUTH SET PACE FOR SPRING

BY BETTY BROWN

NEW YORK—Silk and satin will undoubtedly prove to be the chosen fabrics for spring costume. The powers that be have announced a hun-



on wool for spring gowns and suits so it is probable that we shall all bloom out in silks as soon as we lay on the velvet and velour of winter. The costume shown herewith shows a skirt of supple white satin with extremely graceful fullness and drapings over the hips and an old two-pointed girdle that adds the pleasingly "different" touch to the garment.

The blouse is of embroidered voile and fine lace and the rather close cuff is tucked to the elbow on the inside of the arm.

Chemical analyses of the ash of household wastes, made at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment station, show that there is marked fertilizing value in such common refuse as banana skins, orange skins, grapefruit skins, lemon skins, apple peelings, pea pods, bean strings and stems, tea leaves, coffee grounds, eggshells, bones, peanut shells, tobacco, fruit stones, etc. These are recommended for fertilizing home gardens.

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LADY LOOKABOUT

Because the press is not presenting with the usual amount of importance, the happenings in the field of equal suffrage, it must not be surmised that things are at a standstill with suffragists or that a truce of any kind has been declared.

Never has the need of the ballot by woman been more keenly felt. At this time when so many and such heavy burdens are falling to her lot, she needs as she never has needed, the protection and support of the ballot. The government has legislated out of existence the profiteers, those who are taking undue advantage of the country's plight and thereby raising the prices of the necessities of life. But there is a profiteer of another order who is profiting on the labor of women and girls. Into the places of men he has put women to do man's work at a fraction of his remuneration.

Some time ago an alleged English gentleman of poetic tendency wrote a poem about us women in which he referred to us as "a rag, a bone, and a hank of hair," and he called us a "vampire." The same gentleman has been curiously silent of late. I have wondered if by any chance, he is thinking of changing the sex of his "vampire." Does he not owe it to us to correct his error of the past and stick the odious name of "vampire" where it truly belongs, on the employer who is profiteering on the labor of women and girls?

"Equal suffrage will correct this evil. Can we afford not to fight for it?"

War Bread Breaks

I have given up trying to make war bread. That which I have made could be used by any chance, he is thinking of changing the sex of his "vampire." Does he not owe it to us to correct his error of the past and stick the odious name of "vampire" where it truly belongs, on the employer who is profiteering on the labor of women and girls?

be much more valuable to the country used as ammunition than as food. Will one of you calorie experts kindly tell me what makes it so strong against molar attacks? I give it up. Besides, I entered the project of baking war bread for the Lookabout family, with an eye to economy as well as to conservation. It has cost me a pretty penny, not to mention the guilty conscience I have had as I disposed of the results via the garbage can. That was nothing, however. The scheming I had to keep Pa looking about from seeing them. In my own small circle, I have been so long looked upon as fair to middling (I state it mildly) in the culinary line, that I have actually posed, once or twice, as an authority on cooking. Never again, though, as long as I remember my last batch of war biscuits—"war bullets," would be a far better name for them. At the autopsy, attended by two of my near neighbors, it was inferred by one that they baked too long; by the other, not long enough. On the matter of baking there was a difference of opinion, but on the matter of their final disposition, there was unanimity, and I acted accordingly. Now I am willing to try almost anything once or even several times, so if anybody has a receipt for war bread that has actually been tried and found to be wanting in the attributes that belong to good eatable bread, will she please pass it along!

The New Year's Appeal

A new year is at our doors! Shallow indeed is he who does not put himself up short and think as he enters a new year. Just now the new year is particularly portentous. It is a time of crisis, or threatened hardship, or mourning to many, of death to others. Never have we stood on the threshold of a year so filled with possibilities, and alas, probabilities. It is a time to

Canadian War Hymn

Some of the schools of the city are singing the Canadian war hymn. The sentiment of the hymn applies as well to our country, and the words are worthy of a place in the memory of each of us. It is sung to the air of "America." Two verses follow:

"God save our splendid men
For them we pray often.
God bless our men!
Keep them victorious;
Patient and chivalrous;
They are so dear to us
God save our men!"

God save our splendid men,
Send them safe home again—
God bless our men!
Happy and valorous;
Dauntless and generous,
Winners of freedom glorious—
God save our men!

Youth's Path to Success

If the editor permits, I would like to use a little space here for a brief notice of a most admirable little book of verse which came to my attention this week. The title is "Youth's Path to Success" and the author, Mr. Edward J. Gallagher, editor of The Sun, in clear and simple verse, it sets forth

SIMPLE COIFFURES ARE BEAUTIFUL

BY BETTY BROWN
NEW YORK—Woman's crowning glory is once more coming into its own. Unconquered by jeweled pins, elaborate combs, artificial curls, puffs, nets, and other attempts at additional



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AUTOMOBILE QUESTION BOX

Query:—Would there be any great advantage in connecting the battery and magneto plugs on a — system? The object is to get two sparks in the cylinder instead of one. Would there be any marked increase in power or saving in gas and what would be the objections to this method, if any? I tried it with battery disconnected and it seemed to work all right, but I imagine, if it was any great improvement on the — system for 1913, some one would have found it out before this, and I notice they use a single plug in the 1914 system.

Ans.—Two sparks are often better than one. But whether so or not depends on many things. The position of the spark plugs, the quality of the mixture, the heat of the engine and many such factors enter. In a hot engine with high compression the mixture is practically at the self ignition point and only needs a spark to add the little start. A second spark would be of little value in such a case. But with a cold engine and a

slow mixture it is an advantage to have a second spark some distance away from the first, so that the mixture may be set on fire at two places at once. You can see this if you experiment with rubbish piles. With easily burned material you get it alight all over almost before you can get it lighted at another place. But if slow burning, it helps much to light it at a second place. Most drivers care so little about things that they do not care to waste battery on the second spark. Better be sure that your mixture is right.

Query:—Will you kindly answer the following question in your next issue. What is the best oil for a Ford car that of paraffin base or asphaltic base? Why?

Ans.—Crude oils may be divided into three families. Those of paraffin, asphaltic, and cyclo-naphthene base. There is no sharp line of separation between these groups, since most crude oils found in all fields may contain mixtures in variable percentages of hydro-carbons belonging to two or more families. The refined product must be the answer, as it depends upon the removal of impurities, such as sulphur, oxygen, nitrogen and metallic salts, etc., that we judge the quality of lubricating oil. It would seem best to purchase a good oil from the most reputable dealer in your district.

Query: Kindly advise whether it is practical to run a motor with fan disconnected in cold weather and oblige. R. V.

Ans.—It is frequently done in cold weather and usually assists the engine by conserving the heat, thereby increasing its power.

Query: The valve action of my car has become sluggish, the valves sticking, with the result that the motor does not respond quickly or run as well as when new. Kindly advise how I may overcome this trouble. J. C.

Ans.—The defective valve action is due either to carbon lodging in the valve guides or from warping due to heat. If the fault is carbon, the application of a mixture of kerosene and ammonia poured into the engine while the engine is hot will loosen the deposit and improve the condition of the engine, but if the valves have warped it may necessitate the fitting of new valves.

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ALL KINDS OF AUTOS AT LOWELL'S BIG SHOW

A thoroughly representative group of the various types of automobiles being built in this country at the present time for pleasure and commercial purposes, is what is promised to all those who attend Lowell's Own Automobile Show which will be staged at the Casino, January 21 to 26, inclusive. In addition to the exhibition of automobiles of the latest open and closed models there will be shown one of the most complete displays of automobile accessories which this city has ever seen.

The truck, through the exigencies of present conditions brought through the heavy draft on horses for army purposes, is now the motorized vehicle which is being given the most attention by the automobile manufacturers of this country. While there are numerous makes of trucks that have served well the variety of purposes which they have made of them, nevertheless the tests of the time have brought out a variety of weaknesses which are now receiving attention. It was this exposure that brought into being the Liberty motor, the product evolved from the combined minds of the engineering geniuses of this country, the merits of which have been heralded to the four corners of the world. While it was utterly impossible for the management of the Lowell show to procure a truck or motor car containing one of these

world-famous motors to exhibit at the coming show, there will be other well tested, known the standard of which is unquestioned.

The following times have been assigned to the six days of the show: Monday, Governor's Day; Tuesday, Soldiers' Day; Wednesday, St. John's Hospital Day; Thursday, Suburban Day; Friday, Society Day; and Saturday, The (?) Night. Tuesday afternoon pupils of the high school will be admitted free and given an opportunity to obtain facts for the composition that a majority of them are to write and to the winner of which a prize will be given.

There will be no set-up from the opening of the show Monday night until its closing Saturday at 11 p. m. Sufficient vocalists and instrumentalists have been engaged to give an uninterrupted program of music at all seasons. Many novelty acts not heretofore booked for an automobile show and which have merit enough to place them among the leaders in their respective lines have already been contracted for and will positively appear.

PREPARING STREETS TO FACILITATE PASSAGE OF AUTOMOBILES AND MOTOR TRUCKS

"The perfection to which the automobile has been developed to give comfortable and reliable service in winter, will be vividly demonstrated, during the next six months," says a prominent motorist. "The increased demands which will be made on the motor car to speed up activities in every branch of government and busi-

ness work will put the automobile with a detachable top to the most severe tests. "In this connection, I would suggest that in our important cities, and especially in those sections of the country where cantonments are located and where supplies are transported to shipping points, the different city governments enlarge their street cleaning departments this winter to facilitate the passage of automobiles and motor trucks."

HELPFUL HINTS

Lubricating oils should be free from carbon and have sufficient body to cushion the blows applied to the crankshaft and offer a cylinder wall surface as near frictionless as possible, in order to insure the power and durability of an engine. Good oils will more than repay their cost by reducing repair bills.

To determine the presence of solid impurities in the oil, kerosene should be added to half a glass of oil until the oil is thin. The mixture is then passed through filter paper or ordinary white blotting paper, and after all the oil has passed through the paper is washed with kerosene; the residue on the paper, if any, will show if the oil has any impurities.

Oil must not resinify. To test, pour some oil in a shallow dish and leave in a warm room about a week. There must not be the slightest crust at the end of that time. Another test is made by mixing with the oil fumes of nitric acid; if the oil is pure a thick mass

will form in a few hours; if not it will remain thin.

Acids are very injurious in lubricating oil since in time they attack the machine parts lubricated. To test for acids, copper oxide or copper ash is added to the oil in a glass vessel. Acid-free oil retains its original color, while if it contains acid it becomes greenish or bluish. Oil containing acid if dropped on a sheet of copper or brass and left for a week will leave a green spot in the metal.

Lubricating oil may be filtered to remove free carbon, which be through containers of Fuller's earth to remove free carbon, which may be at large in it.

Unless precautions are taken in lubricating the timer in cold weather one may experience difficulties. This is due to ordinary lubricating oil becoming congealed in the housing, thus preventing the roller from coming in to good contact with the segments.

Provided the spark plugs are in good condition, points not too far apart, etc., it frequently happens that there will be irregular firing, brought about by the coil box cover coming loose. The coil units are equipped with brass-strap terminals on the bottom of the wooden casing of the coil, and these terminals make contact with similar straps in the bottom of the coil box on the dash. They depend on the pressure of the cover of the coil box to keep them in good contact.

When a spring of an exhaust valve breaks and it is necessary to run the car to a repair shop, it may be well to go about in this way: Remove the spring from the intake valve of the same cylinder and put it on the exhaust valve, because it is possible to run the motor without a spring on the intake valve, as it then may be operated as a suction valve.

If the spring which holds the rotor in contact with the segments of the commutator becomes weak it may cause the cylinders to miss fire.

If the contact points of the vibrator

of an induction coil are too close, the current is likely to arc at the contact points, thus preventing the breaking of the primary circuit, and no induced secondary circuit.

NAVAL SERVICE FOR WOMEN
LONDON, December 29.—The British navy announces the organization of a formal branch of naval service for women, under the title of the "Women's Royal Naval Service." The membership includes women employed on duties connected with the navy, chiefly in dockyards and at naval bases. Members will wear a distinctive uniform of navy blue with brass buttons. The members of the new service have already been nicknamed "Wrens," this being a convenient shortening of the initials W.R.N.S., which they wear on their collars.

One of the wettest spots in the world is in the central part of the little island of Kanna, most northerly of the Hawaiian group. Douglas H. Campbell of Stanford university, California, writes that the average rainfall at the town of Waialeale for five years has been slightly more than 500 inches. Thirteen and a half miles away, at Waimea village, the average annual precipitation is only 20.9 inches. Waimea is only 10 feet above sea level, while Waialeale is 50.75 feet above the sea.

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ENGLISHWOMAN IN THE UNITED STATES TELLS OF WOMEN'S WAR WORK IN ENGLAND

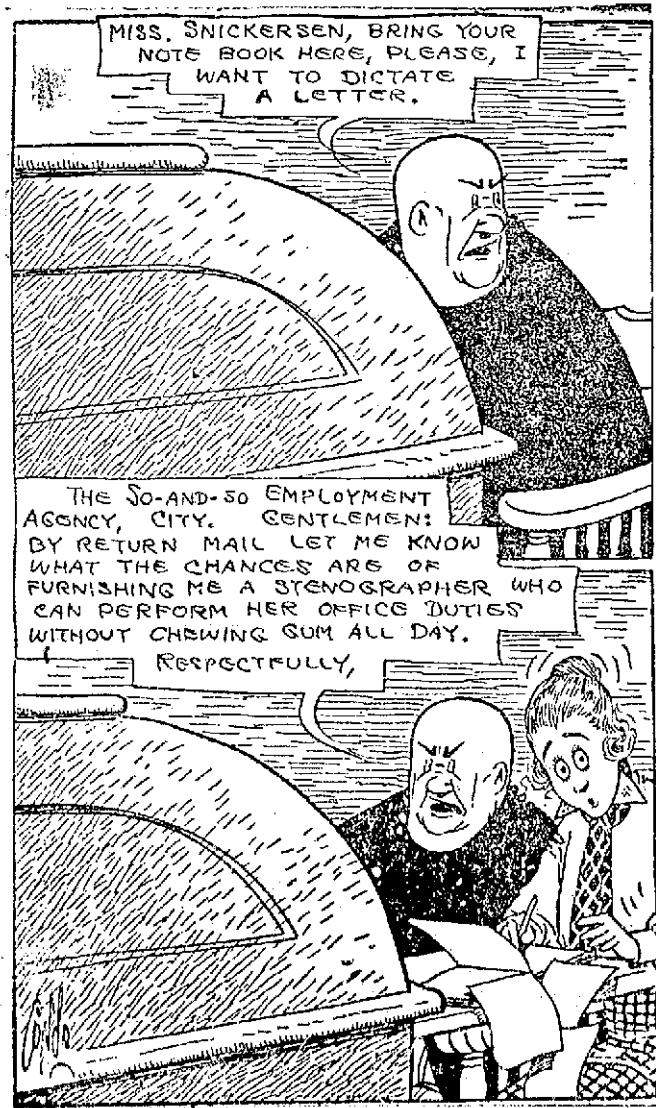
Miss Helen Fraser of London, is in the United States telling the women of this country what their English sisters have accomplished in their war work.

"I think that it is essential that the American and the English women

should know each other and be of service to each other," said Miss Fraser. "The first thing that we can do is to express our very deep sense of gratitude and joy at having the Americans with us in this struggle. We feel that the American women will contribute in no small degree to the final victory."

"The women of England have found that the women of this war is not only that of healing, of inspiring, of

EVERETT TRUE



being of great spiritual comfort and help to their men, but also that it is essential in every particular piece of war work in industry, in munitions, in food production and conservation, in financing the war, in executive work, and even as part of the army organization.

"From our experience, I should advise the women wherever possible to work side by side with the men in the great organizations and in the government and voluntary committees. In labor problems we have found it essential to bring together the representatives of labor, both men and women, and the employees and the government, to thresh out the great essential questions of conditions of labor, payment and of the welfare of the workers."

In England, Miss Fraser states that there are 1,250,000 women directly replacing men in the ordinary pursuits outside of munitions. They are in every department of work, and functioning with signal success. The prime minister has a woman secretary.

WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF THE BARON?

Has he a mole on his chin or what? Every picture you see of German Foreign Minister von Kuehlmann is one of these "thinker" poses. Kuehlmann has been designated by



BARON VON KUEHLMANN

the Kaiser to talk peace with the Bolsheviks. This Kuehlmann seems hard to figure out. He's a boson friend of old Wilhelm and yet every once in a while he breaks out in a most democratic sort of interview. Maybe it's all in the game—an out-and-out knuser man who talks enough the other way to be useful in dicker with persons who have anti-Kaiser ideas, eh what?

lary, and women are on almost every important national board. There are two women co-directors of food control with Lord Rhonda, and a woman, Mrs. H. J. Tennant, serves as director of the Woman's National Service bureau. The war savings committees of the country have more women than men on their local boards, two women serving on the executive central committee.

"We think that it simplifies matters to have but one committee of men and women, serving together wherever possible," said Miss Fraser. "Another method in which we differ from you is in registering. We have never appealed to women to register en masse, but have asked them to register for specific pieces of work, such as munitions, agriculture, etc. We issue such posters as: 'We want 10,000 women for the land.' 'We want 100,000 women for munitions.' To handle the responses to such calls we have employment exchanges in every town. These local exchanges examine the candidates and transfer them to the department of the government requiring their services."

"We also have a register for professional women which we find invaluable. That register was secured with the assistance of the universities, colleges and high schools. This register has helped the government to find the right women for the right places. The government also has in that task the assistance of a very splendid voluntary organization called the Women's Service Bureau, with headquarters in London."

England to recruit women for work in the war has been the Women's Army Auxiliary corps, called by the soldiers "the pinkettes." These women are being recruited monthly for this service, and their place is behind the fighting lines or near the home military bases. Their duties are comprised in clerical work, telegraphy, telephones, motor driving, store-keeping and even cooking behind the lines. The uniform consists of a khaki colored coat with a high collar, a high belt and a soft hat, and the women wear the insignia of the office. This organization is headed by a woman director, with controllers, a secretary and an office. "The English women do not care for military titles," said Miss Fraser. "They believe that military titles distinctly belong to the fighting men of the army and the navy."

Miss Fraser is a member of the executive committee of the National War Savings Council, and of the National Agricultural Committee of England.

According to the recount of the votes cast in the recent municipal election in Gloucester, errors were found in the count of votes of every candidate and in every precinct in the city. The errors varied from two to 61. A slab of sandstone, the dimensions of a good-sized wheelstone, that will bend and can be twisted with slight pressure from the hands, is the property of J. I. Miller of Portland, Ore. Geologists are unable to explain the flexibility of the stone. It is said to have been cut from a small ledge of sandstone in a creek bottom.

BABE RUTH WAS LONGEST HITTER IN BASEBALL LAST SEASON

"A hidden pie," or "the beaming of Babe Waddell," stifles memory of other days in the early Nineteen hundreds, James Morley, then manager of the Los Angeles baseball club, had signed Waddell for the coming season. Screaming references to the approaching debut of the famous "Babe" in an Angel uniform adorned the country side. Day before the season opened, Morley sent his club to practice against a fast collegiate nine. As first baseman, Morley had secured Frank Decker, famous with Pop Anson.

Among the pitchers who worked out



against the amateurs was Waddell, a clever youngster, Bob Fitzwilliams, speedster then, and the fast runner, Ed Fitz. One of Fitz' prize snappers, Waddell bluff the temple and dropped six feet two or so of gigantic "tube." Manager Morley contracted everything but an omelette. He dashed wildly about, finally dousing the fallen "Babe" with a most copious bucket of water. He threw the pail at the frightened amateur who had bonned him. Waddell, when he finally came to was for mopping up the chap who had drenched him. The "Babe" never was strong for water. Then a sudden light seemed to dawn on the "Babe." He reached for his tight fitting, blue jersey and drew forth a fine, cuspidal pin which had preserved its general contour despite his "Babe" recent activities on the mound. "Babe" sat on the plate and calmly began punching. The exasperated manager had a death grip on young Fitzwilliams, ac-

counting him of being in cahoots with Oakland, opening opponents of the Los Angeles club.

Waddell consumed the entire pie, and with each mouthful his strength seemingly returned. Manager Morley gazed on benevolently and the approval of his deity gradually blended into a broad smile. The pie had saved the day, at least.

When a new pitcher was installed by the collegians and promptly ripped a fast one off Frank Decker's lima bone the latter stormed down to first base declaring he'd like to "kill a few of these rainbow pitchers."

Waddell was hit early in the game next day and Los Angeles lost. His first three chances, easy assists, Decker dropped. Decker shortly retired from baseball for good and not long after, died.

ED. MORIARTY.

TRENCH WARFARE HAS NOT DIMINISHED GERMAN CAV-ALRY FORCES

FRENCH FRONT. (Correspondence)—Trench warfare has not diminished the German cavalry forces as had been generally supposed for information which has been reached the correspondent of The Associated Press shows the total of squadrons in the service to be even higher than it was at the mobilization in 1914. Changes, however, have been introduced in the mounted arm of the service by which some of the squadrons temporarily have been dismounted and utilized as infantry, while the formations have undergone considerable variations.

At present the German army has at its disposal no fewer than 240 squad-

rons of cavalry, comprising active, reserve, mobile Ersatz, landwehr and landsturm units, but of these 144 have been separated from their horses and used as infantry. This figure compares with 410 squadrons on a peace footing.

When war began the German cavalry was at once formed into eleven divisions, each composed of six regiments of four squadrons. Besides these there were also the bodies of divisional cavalry attached to the active and reserve divisions of infantry.

Rumania's entry into the war made more cavalry formations necessary and the number of organized divisions was at once increased to fourteen.

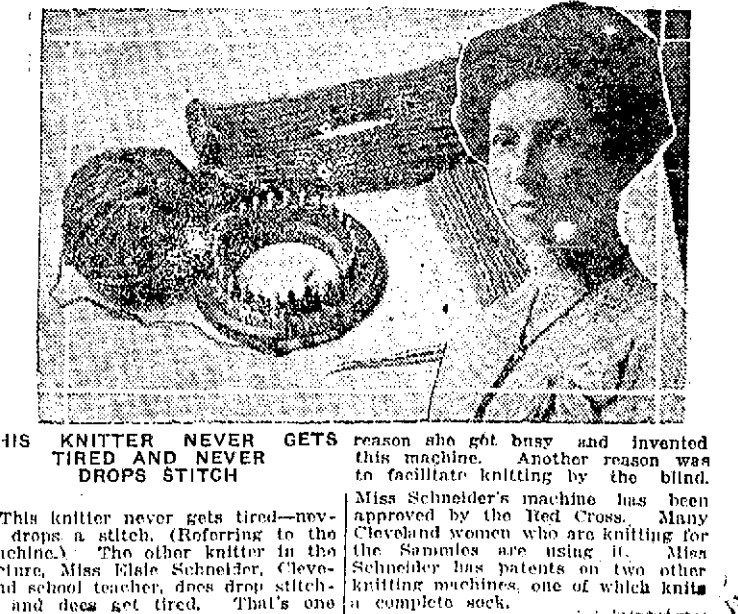
The spring of 1917 saw the end of the Rumanian campaign, and with this came a decrease of the divisional formations to six, while the divisions themselves were reduced from six regiments to four each. At the same time independent brigades of mounted troops were formed, of which the existence of at least five is known, each having three regiments of four squadrons each.

Nearly every infantry division is provided also with a unit of cavalry whose strength varies according to the nature of the country in which the troops are operating.

From among the cavalrymen who, temporarily, are not employed on mounted duty at the front, twenty-three regiments of infantry have been formed, which take their turn in holding trenches with the ordinary infantry formations. Each of these regiments is composed of four squadrons and a squadron of machine gunners.

Besides these other units of cavalry, men selected from the regiments of the considerable variation.

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This knitter never gets tired—never drops a stitch. (Referring to the machine). The other knitter in the picture, Miss Elsie Schneider, Cleveland school teacher, does drop stitches and does get tired. That's one

reason she got busy and invented this machine. Another reason was to facilitate knitting by the blind. Miss Schneider's machine has been approved by the Red Cross. Many Cleveland women who are knitting for the Samaras are using it. Miss Schneider has patents on two other knitting machines, one of which knits a complete sock.

